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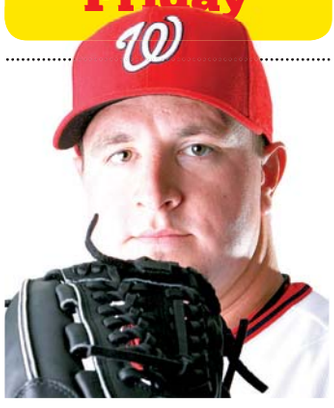

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Power-Mad Demolition Crew Plays God, Likes It

A Denton, Texas, woman is trying to figure out what to do after a demolition crew wrongly tore down most of her house — instead of one across the street — last week. "I don't have the words to say," said Francis Howard. The 69-year-old woman, who lives with her son in Frisco, said Monday that her family had resided in the home for 47 years. The landlord of the property that was to have been demolished did not comment. **(AP)**

"You obviously had some rebuilding to do at home in terms of trust issues."

— **THEODORE POTKONKJAK,** A CHICAGO JUDGE, TO A TEENAGER WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO PUTTING ANTIFREEZE IN HIS MOTHER'S COFFEEMAKER AS A PRACTICAL JOKE.

Pedicurist Lobby Objects Loudly

A man is battling the Ohio Statehouse over the right to bare feet. Bob Neinast goes barefoot nearly everywhere. When he tried to go shoeless in the Ohio Capitol recently, he was stopped by an officer. Officials have since learned that there is no rule against bare feet in the Statehouse. The Statehouse board is now considering a ban. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

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THE LORD MAYOR of Bristol, Christopher Davies, strolls through the newly restored, reopened Arnos Vale cemetery in Bristol, England, on Thursday. Since 1839, nearly 300,000 people have been laid to rest on the historic Victorian site's 45 acres. **(EXPRESS)**

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Navy OKs Women on Submarines

Kings Bay Base, Ga.

The first U.S. women allowed to serve aboard submarines will be reporting for duty by 2012, the Navy said Thursday as the military ordered an end to one of its few remaining gender barriers.

Bruner

The cramped quarters and scant privacy aboard submarines, combined with long tours of up to 90 days at sea, kept them off-limits to female sailors for 16 years after the Navy began allowing women to serve on all its surface ships in 1994.

Rear Adm. Barry Bruner, who led the Navy's task force on integrating women onto submarines, brushed aside questions from reporters about the potential for sexual misconduct or unexpected pregnancies among a coed crew.

"We're going to look back on this four or five years from now, shrug our shoulders and say, 'What was everybody worrying about?'" said Bruner, the top sub commander at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Georgia. **RUSS BYNUM (AP)**

Crist Quits the Republican Party

Fla. governor opts to run for the Senate as an independent

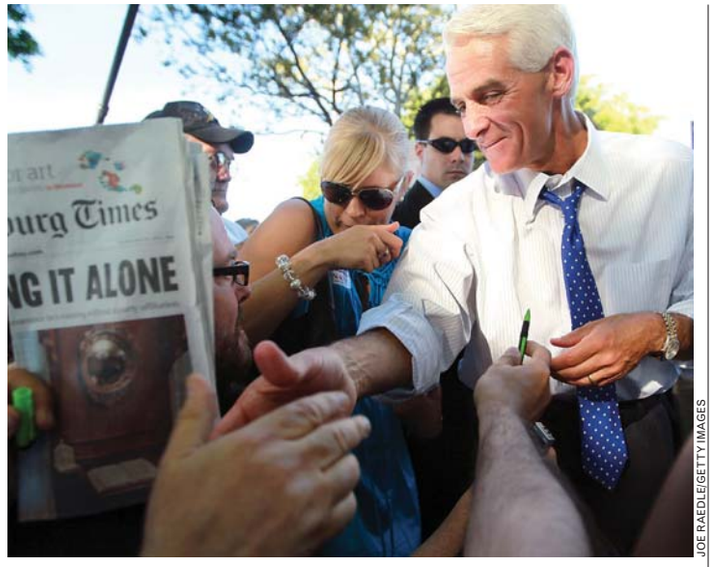
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Former GOP darling Gov. Charlie Crist defected from the Republican Party on Thursday to run as an independent for U.S. Senate after months of being ripped by conservatives as too supportive of President Obama.

"I don't have either party helping me. But I need you. I need you more than ever," the governor said, surrounded by cheering supporters carrying signs that included "Democrats for Crist."

Crist was the heavy favorite last year, and was even among the Republican names bandied about in the 2012 presidential race. But the primary campaign quickly became a lost cause as the tea party movement embraced another candidate, Marco Rubio, and held up the governor's literal embrace of Obama last year as evidence that Crist was too liberal.

Crist said the election is "not one club's decision or another club's decision, or one club within that club. ... We give you the chance to make that decision."



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"I was never one who sought to hold elective office to demagogue or point fingers [at other people]."

— **FLA. GOV CHARLIE CRIST,** ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION TO RUN FOR THE U.S. SENATE AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE AT A RALLY ON THURSDAY IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

His chances of winning as an independent are unclear. He's burned bridges with Republicans, and Democrats see his announcement as an opportunity for their own likely nominee, U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek. The Senate already has two independents, but neither had to fend off serious contenders from both parties in a general election.

Crist's outlook in the primary campaign, however, seemed even bleaker. One recent poll showed Crist more than 20 percentage points behind Rubio in the August primary, but Crist had a tiny lead when voters were asked who they would pick in a three-way race with Rubio and Meek.

Crist said after the announcement that he will change his voter registration from Republican to "no party affiliation." He claimed the middle ground during his short speech.

"I haven't supported an idea because it's a Republican idea or a Democratic idea. I support ideas because I think they're good ideas for the people," he said.

Rubio grinned widely on Thursday when asked about Crist.

"When I got in this race, I knew I was running against people that supported the Obama agenda," he said. "I just didn't realize I would have to run against both of them at the same time."

BRENDAN FARRINGTON (AP)

QUIET TIME

Tourists from all over the world love to see New York City from double-decker sightseeing buses, but the noisy loudspeakers aboard have driven New Yorkers who live in some neighborhoods to wear earplugs inside and keep their windows shut tight. The New York City Council decided to take action on Thursday, passing legislation that requires sightseeing buses to replace their loudspeaker systems with headphones by 2015. (AP)

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A woman protests Arizona's illegal-immigration law Thursday in Chicago.

Lawsuits Challenge Immigration Law in Ariz.

Phoenix

An Arizona police officer and a Latino group filed the first legal challenges to Arizona's sweeping new law cracking down on illegal immigration Thursday.

Fifteen-year Tucson police veteran Martin Escobar argues there's no way for officers to confirm people's immigration status without impeding investigations. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Tucson, alleges the new immigration law violates numerous constitutional rights and could hinder police investigations.

A clergy group also sued Thursday in federal court in Phoenix. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders group argues federal law preempts state regulation of national borders, and that Arizona's law violates due process rights by letting police detain suspected illegal immigrants before they're convicted.

Signed last week by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, the law requires local and state law enforcement to question people about their immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally. **(AP)**

Nation

Hearsay

"The plan is not without flaws. But it is the law. And it is time ... to move ahead with it."

— **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,** CALIF. GOV., PLEDGING CALIFORNIA'S FULL SUPPORT THURSDAY FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW ENACTED BY CONGRESS.

Obama Pays Tribute to Civil Rights Legend

In eulogy, president says Height was one of movement's greats

Washington

President Obama on Thursday eulogized Dorothy Height as a history-making figure in the civil rights movement whose quiet perseverance produced gains in "a righteous cause."

Speaking to hundreds of mourners in the Washington National Cathedral, Obama recounted Height's commitment to the cause during decades of work, mostly behind the scenes while the movement's male leaders earned more attention.

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President Obama speaks at Dorothy Height's funeral on Thursday in Washington.

"She never cared about who got the credit," the president said. "What she cared about was the cause. The cause of justice, the cause of equality, the cause of opportunity, freedom's cause."

Height, who died last week at age 98, led the National Council of Negro Women for decades and marched with Martin Luther King Jr.

Obama cited her role in desegregating the YWCA and in leading the National Council of Negro Women with "vision and energy, vision and class." He said her name should be associated with great leaders such as King and W.E.B. DuBois.

"She, too, deserves a place in our history books," Obama said. "She, too, deserves a place of honor in America's memory." **(AP)**

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Afghans protest on Thursday after a NATO raid killed a lawmaker's relative.

KABUL

Lawmaker Says NATO Raid Killed a Relative

NATO and Afghan forces raided a lawmaker's home and fatally shot the woman's brother-in-law in eastern Afghanistan during a nighttime operation, sending hundreds of people into the streets shouting "Death to America!" in protest, the lawmaker said. (AP)

BRUSSELS

Parliament Bans Islamic Garments Covering Face

Belgium's lower house of parliament on Thursday banned burqa-type Islamic dress in public, but the measure faces a challenge in the Senate. Christian Democrats and Liberals in the Senate questioned the law's phrasing, which says no one can appear in public "with the face fully or partly covered so as to render them no longer unrecognizable." (AP)

OAXACA, MEXICO

Gunmen Attack Caravan

An attack by masked gunmen on a convoy of about 40 Mexican and European human rights activists and journalists left two dead and at least two journalists missing in a remote area of southern Mexico, police said Thursday. (AP)

KIEV, UKRAINE

Prosecutors May Charge Lawmakers in Brawl

Ukrainian prosecutors said Thursday they are considering filing charges against parliament members who hurled eggs and set off smoke bombs in the chamber as lawmakers on Tuesday ratified a treaty to extend the Russian navy's lease of a Ukrainian port by 25 years. (AP)

Taliban Chief's Death in Doubt

Pakistani spies say Mehsud survived drone strike in Jan.

Islamabad

Pakistan and U.S. intelligence wrongly reported the death of the head of the Pakistani Taliban in a CIA drone strike, and the brash, ruthless commander is now believed to be alive, Pakistani spies said Thursday in an apparent propaganda coup for the insurgents.

The reports that Hakimullah Mehsud survived the January missile attack in an area close to the Afghan border will raise questions about the quality of the intelligence being gathered in the region.

In Washington, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said he had seen "no evidence" that Mehsud "is operational today or is executing or exerting authority over the Pakistan Taliban as he once did."

"So, I don't know if that reflects him being alive or dead, but he clearly is not running the Pakistani Taliban anymore," Morrell told reporters.

The Taliban had always claimed Mehsud was alive and dismissed earlier reports of his death as lies.

The militant network said it was not going to offer any evidence such as a video recording because doing so could help security forces hunt Mehsud down. But until there is proof he is alive, questions may linger about his fate, given the apparently patchy nature of intelligence in the tribal regions.

ISHTIAQ MEHSUD/FILE/AP

Pakistani Taliban commander Hakimullah Mehsud was believed to be dead.

One senior Pakistani official also said Mehsud was no longer the major force in the Taliban movement, which has carried out scores of attacks in Pakistan in recent years and is allied with al-Qaeda and militants in Afghanistan fighting U.S. and NATO troops. He said other Taliban commanders, such as Waliur Rehman, were now overshadowing him.

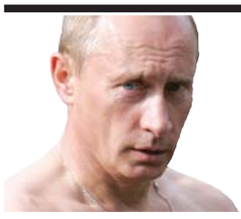
He did not explain why this was. The Taliban movement has been pummeled over the last six months by relentless U.S. missile attacks and Pakistan army offensives.

ISHTIAQ MAHSUD AND MUNIR AHMED (AP)

Soaring Showcase at the World Expo

PHILIPPE LOPEZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A MAN WALKS among kite sculptures representing Mexico's pavilion at the World Expo in Shanghai, China, on Thursday. Shanghai opens the expo on Saturday, with 189 countries participating in the massive showcase of ideas and technology—the latest display of China's growing clout. The country expects 70 million people will visit the expo during the next six months.



EXPEDITIONS

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin played the eco-warrior in Russia's Arctic on Thursday, helping scientists track endangered polar bears and calling for a cleanup of the region. Putin traveled to Franz Josef Land to highlight the country's guardianship of the resource-rich region. Wearing a bright red coat and cap, Putin attached a satellite-tracking collar to a tranquilized polar bear. On his departure, he shook its paw and uttered: "Be well." (AP)

South Korean Ship's Sinking Still a Mystery

Seoul, South Korea

For North Korea, the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship a month ago may end up being the perfect crime.

Investigators have yet to produce proof that North Korea engineered the ship's demise, but analysts say even if they do, Seoul won't risk triggering another costly war by striking back militarily.

And if there's no evidence pointing to North Korea, its government may still quietly claim it as a victory to bolster support at home.

As South Korea honored the 46 dead sailors in an emotional farewell Thursday, the question of what struck the Cheonan remained unsolved, casting a pall over North Korea's relationships with Seoul and Washington and calling into question the future of stalled six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

The 1,200-ton Cheonan was on a routine patrol mission in the waters near the Koreas' maritime border when an explosion ripped the sturdy frigate in two. (AP)

Clegg-Mania Seizes U.K. Voters

Aided by low profile, Liberal Democrat leader surges in polls

Oxford, England

Fans compare him to President Obama. Young people greet him like a rock star. In a measure of his success, some newspapers are now on a mission to drag him down — so far, to no avail.

Nick Clegg, the fresh-faced leader of the nation's perennial political also-rans, has rocketed from obscurity to become the man of the moment in the British elections — surging to second in polls and likely holding the balance of power.

Until three weeks ago, the 43-year-old was simply the leader of what has long been Britain's somewhat harmless third-place party. But after the country's first-ever televised political debate, he became a magnet for voter anger and those seeking change.

LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

Nick Clegg, center, is surrounded by reporters on Wednesday in Oxford, England.

With a demand that Britain rethink the way it elects its leadership, he may also alter the character of British politics forever. This is his moment — and he seems ready to seize the chance.

"The Liberal Democrats want to give you hope," he told a group of students here Thursday.

Though recent polls show he might be losing momentum, Clegg's anonymity has been one of his strengths, giving him the ability to play the outsider in a country outraged by scandalous revelations of abuse in the filing of lawmakers' expenses. While some had their moats cleaned with public money, citizens were losing jobs.

Clegg's party, though tainted like the others, had no moats, and fewer unfathomable expenditures, mostly because there were fewer of them — and because the party never had as high a profile as Labour or the Conservatives.

It means that voters interested in protest are interested in Clegg.

"Most people wouldn't have recognized him in a photograph six weeks ago," said Victoria Honeyman, a lecturer in politics at the University of Leeds. **DANICA KIRKA (AP)**

washingtonpost.com

A day after calling a woman "bigoted," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown had a lot at stake during Thursday night's final televised debate.

Iraqi Recount To Take Weeks

Baghdad

Iraq's election officials said Thursday that a recount of the Baghdad ballots could take up to three weeks as a car bomb killed eight people in the capital, highlighting again the tenuous security situation while the chaos arising from the March 7 parliamentary vote drags on.

The timeline — possibly even longer than it took to count the whole country's ballots after the March 7 election — means another delay for an election process that has already dragged on for weeks and threatens to undermine the country's fragile stability.

Since Iraq's landmark parliamentary elections, the country's political factions have been wrestling over the results of the close-fought contest. **(AP)**

28 Kids Slashed in China Attack

Taixing, China

The screams of the 4-year-olds inside the kindergarten could be heard out in the street.

When people ran in to investigate, they found what one witness said was a scene "too horrible to imagine" — blood everywhere as a knife-wielding man slashed 28 children, two teachers and a security guard Thursday in the second such school attack in China in two days.

Experts called it a copycat rampage triggered by similar incidents Wednesday and last month. They said the wave of school attacks falls amid poor care for the mentally unstable and growing feelings of social injustice in the fast-changing country.

Thursday's attack at the Zhongxin Kindergarten left five students hospitalized in critical condition in the eastern city of Taixing, said Zhu Guiming, an official with the municipal propaganda department. Two teachers and the security guard were also hurt.

ALEXANDER F. YUAN/AP

Hospital workers treat a student who was attacked Thursday in Taixing, China.

The official Xinhua News Agency identified the attacker as Xu Yuyuan, a 47-year-old unemployed man using an eight-inch knife. No motive was given.

Most of the recent school invasions have been blamed on people with personal grudges or suffering from mental illness, leading to calls for improved security. **CHRISTOPHER BODEEN (AP)**

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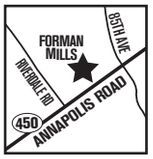

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A Disaster in the Making

Gulf Coast residents brace for the worst as expanding oil slick surges to shore

Venice, La.

An oil spill that threatened to eclipse even the Exxon Valdez disaster spread out of control and drifted inexorably toward the Gulf Coast on Thursday as fishermen rushed to scoop up shrimp and crews spread floating barriers around marshes.

The spill was both bigger and closer than imagined — five times larger than first estimated, with the leading edge just three miles from the Louisiana shore. Authorities said it could reach the Mississippi River delta by Thursday night.

"It is of grave concern," said David Kennedy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "I am frightened. This is a very, very big thing. And the efforts that are going to be required to do anything about it, especially if it continues on, are just mind-boggling."

The oil slick could become the nation's worst environmental disaster in decades, threatening hundreds of species of fish, birds and other wildlife along the Gulf Coast, one of the world's richest seafood grounds, teeming with shrimp, oysters and other marine life.

The leak from the ocean floor proved to be far bigger than initially reported, contributing to a growing sense among many in Louisiana that the government failed them again, just as it did during Hurricane Katrina. President Obama dispatched Cabinet officials to deal with the crisis.

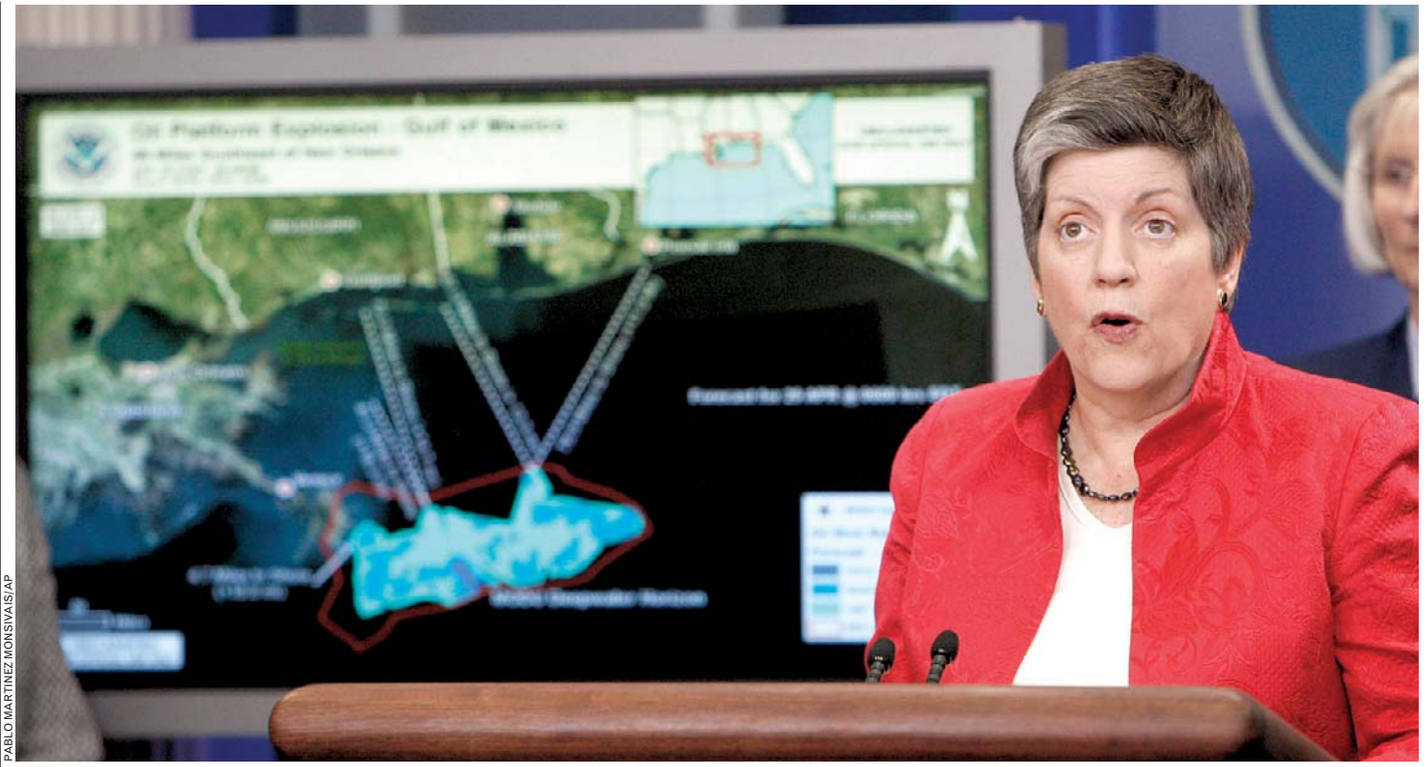
Cade Thomas, a fishing guide in Venice, La., worried that his livelihood will be destroyed. He said he did not know whether to blame the Coast Guard, the federal government or oil company BP PLC.

"They lied to us. They came out and said it was leaking 1,000 barrels when I think they knew it was more. And they weren't proactive," he said. "As soon as it blew up, they should have started wrapping it with booms."

The Coast Guard worked with BP, which operated the oil rig that exploded and sank last week, to deploy floating booms, skimmers and chemical dispersants, and set controlled fires to burn the oil off the water's surface.

Government officials said the blown-out well 40 miles offshore is spewing five times as much oil into the water as originally estimated — about 5,000 barrels, or 200,000 gallons, a day.

At that rate, the spill could easily eclipse the worst oil spill in U.S. history — the 11 million gallons that leaked from the grounded tanker Exxon Valdez in Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989 — in the three months it could take to drill a relief well and plug the gushing well on the sea floor. (AP)



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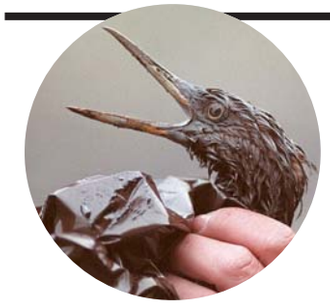
Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano talks about the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico after the administration deemed the spill to be of "national significance."

Politics

A Rough Leak for Obama

The growing oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico is not only an environmental danger but also a political headache for President Obama, who just last month agreed to open vast stretches of the U.S. coastline to oil drilling. The spill threatens to highlight the environmental risk of offshore exploration — a risk that critics have long warned about and that Obama tried to downplay last month when he announced the expansion of drilling. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs on Thursday said President Obama remains committed to his plans to expand offshore drilling. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



WORSE THAN EXXON VALDEZ?

Unlike the quick leak and "black tide" of the Exxon Valdez tanker disaster off Alaska in 1989, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig leak is an "unprecedented type of spill" that has overwhelmed available resources, according to Ed Overton, a Louisiana State University professor. "People are finally realizing that they're not going to shut this thing off. ... Realistically, we're looking at stopping it in August or September." Gulf Coast residents are bracing for what now threatens to become the worst oil spill accident in U.S. history. "Probably the only thing comparable to this is the Kuwait fires" after the Gulf War in 1991, said Mike Miller, head of a Canadian oil well firefighting company. "The Exxon Valdez [spill] is going to pale in comparison to this as it goes on." (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

Local

Fenty Sorry For 'Ex-Gay' Movement Recognition

Washington

D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty apologized Thursday for his decision to issue a certificate of appreciation honoring the leader of the "ex-gay" movement, which believes homosexuals can be "rehabilitated."

Fenty's statement comes one day after local and national gay rights leaders demanded to know why Fenty honored Regina Griggs, executive director of the Parents and Friends of ExGays and Gays.

According to a copy of the certificate, Fenty signed his name to a statement thanking Griggs for her "dedication, commitment and outstanding contributions" to the ex-gay movement.

Gay rights leaders, who believe PFOX is a discriminatory organization, were outraged. **TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Va. Planetarium Likely Saved

Budget plan would let facility in Arlington stay open part time

Arlington

The stars are likely to shine in the David M. Brown Planetarium next year, according to a proposed budget the Arlington School Board was expected to approve Thursday night.

The $440 million operating budget includes $114,000 to keep the planetarium open part time. The proposal includes a part-time teaching position for the facility, down from 2 ½ positions currently dedicated to teaching and scheduling shows.

"The main thing is the doors will stay open," said School Board Chairman Sally Baird.

School administrators recommended closing the aging planetarium earlier this year, citing its outdated equipment and questionable educational value.

But parents and community members rallied to save the facility, which was named for an Arlington graduate killed in the 2003 Columbia space shuttle disaster.

More than 900 people signed an online petition, and more than 3,000 joined an online Save the Arlington Planetarium Facebook page.

Some residents formed a Friends of the Arlington Planetarium group, which has pledged to raise money to update the 1960s-era technology.

Baird said the reduction in services will give school officials time to revisit the planetarium curriculum and fundraisers a chance to get started. "I think we can look at this as a step in the right direction," said Douglas R. Brown, the brother of the planetarium's namesake and a leading advocate to keep it open. **MICHAEL ALISON CHANDLER (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

EVY MAGES/FTWP

A fifth-grade class visits Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium in March. Some question the facility's educational value.

Metro Moves Ahead With Largest-Ever Fare Hike

Washington

Metro is moving ahead with plans to impose the largest fare increase in its history this summer, as the financially strapped transit agency prepares to make its riders shoulder the majority of the $189 million operating budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The board of directors on Thursday discussed broad outlines of the fare hike — estimated in the latest budget to bring in more than $102 million for the year — to allow Metro's staff to start work on programming and marketing the changes.

The main components of the increase — expected to be finalized at a special meeting of the board in mid-May — include a 15 percent increase in rail fares and a 20 percent hike in bus boarding charges, producing $64 million and $24 million in revenue, respectively.

In addition, fares for Metro's paratransit service for disabled and elderly riders will grow to twice the comparable bus fare, raising an additional $1.1 million. **ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 29

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	6-3-6-4-7
Daily 6 (Wed.)	4-19-26-28-37-39 (9)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	3-12-33-35-39 (19)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	1-8-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4	6-8-3-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-9-6-7
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-5-10-23-39 (27)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	8-10-21-30-31-42

Multi-State Games

Powerball	12-22-25-28-44 (24)
Power Play	4X

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Mid-day Pick 3	2-7-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4	5-1-0-0
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American Lion is one of 20 horses in the running in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

Friday

7 P.M. Sidney Crosby and the Penguins attempt to succeed where the Capitals failed when hosting the Montreal Canadiens in a second-round series. Versus

7:10 P.M. The Washington Nationals seek to move three games over .500 when beginning a series against the Florida Marlins. MASN2

9:30 P.M. Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers try to eliminate Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder. ESPN

Saturday

12:30 P.M. The Boston Bruins have home-ice advantage as they begin their series against the Philadelphia Flyers. NBC

4 P.M. D.C. United shoots for its first win in MLS action this year when facing the New York Red Bulls. CSN

4 P.M. Lookin At Lucky is the favorite heading into the Kentucky Derby. NBC

7 P.M. NASCAR comes as close as it gets to the D.C. area with the Heath Calhoun 400 in Richmond, Va. ESPN

Sunday

1:10 P.M. The Nats close out their series against the Marlins. MASN2

2 P.M. The Penguins and Canadiens resume their series. NBC

8 P.M. It's Game 2 of the Detroit Red Wings- San Jose Sharks playoff series. Versus

Clipp and Save for Nats

New bullpen tandem have been a relief for Washington this year

The Nationals

The dread is gone.

When the Washington Nationals carry a lead into the late innings, for the first time in years, there is no longer that feeling that defeat will be snatched from the arms of victory at any moment.

The team will finish April with a winning record for the first time since 2005 largely because setup man Tyler Clippard and new closer Matt Capps have been as reliable as any such tandem in baseball.

Clippard has struck out 20 batters in 16.2 innings and has a 0.54 ERA. Capps has struck out 15 in 13.1 innings and has a 0.68 ERA. He leads the majors in saves, converting all 10 of his chances as Washington enters a weekend set against the Florida Marlins.

A year ago, the Nationals' bullpen was a disaster. By the end of April, closer Joel Hanrahan was the prime culprit, blowing two of five save chances in April before losing his job. His trade to Pittsburgh in the summer ushered in change.

That the 2010 bullpen has been much improved is, for lack of a better word, a relief for the Nationals. If there is any concern, it's that the club may be relying on Clippard and Capps too exclusively in close games, of which there have been many. Only two of the team's 12 wins have come by more than three runs.

Beyond those two, the bullpen performances range from good to tolerable. Lefty Sean Burnett (4.15 ERA) has done well, but Brian Bruney (5.06 ERA, 12 walks) has given manager Jim Riggleman pause about placing him in tense spots. It will fall on them — and 2010 draft pick Drew Storen, who was promoted to Triple-A Syracuse Thursday — to assume some of the burden.

"We can't just ride those horses all the time," Riggleman said. "Somebody is going to have to pick up those innings when those guys have been up a lot and in a lot."

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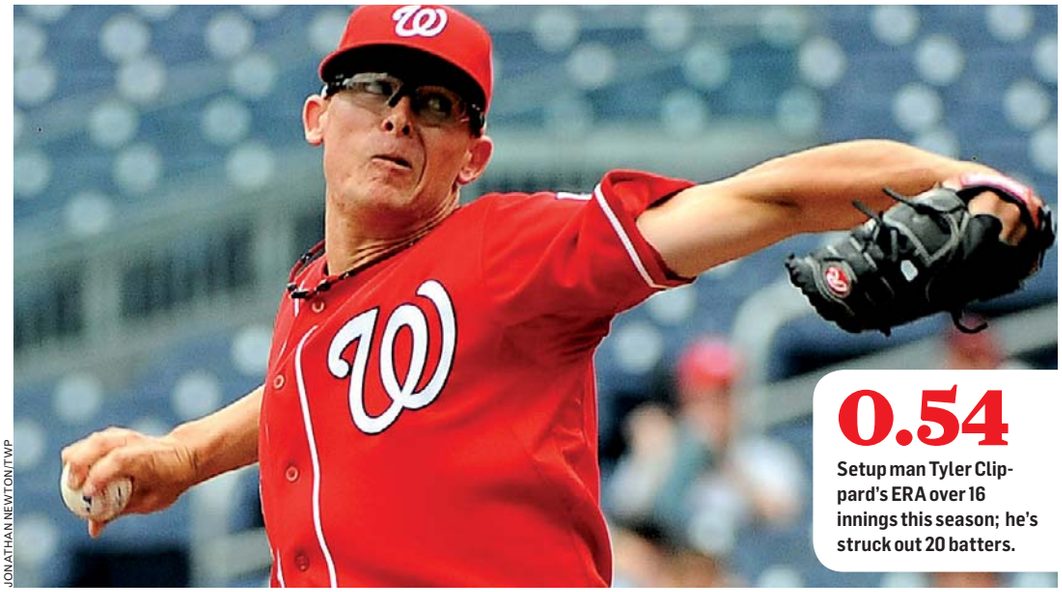

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0.54 Setup man Tyler Clippard's ERA over 16 innings this season; he's struck out 20 batters.

Tyler Clippard has helped anchor the Nats' bullpen, having pitched the eighth inning in each of Matt Capps' last four saves.

CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

10 The number of saves closer Matt Capps has; he leads the majors.

Closer Matt Capps has allowed only one earned run this year, as has Tyler Clippard.

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One of baseball's old axioms is that you either love the Yankees or love to hate them. It turns out that's only half-true. A new Nielsen Company study shows that the Bronx Bombers are the fifth-most-hated team, not the most-hated team. Instead, it's the Cleveland Indians who finished first in the "Sentimental Ratings," measuring consumers' reactions to teams. The Yanks' archrival, the Boston Red Sox, were the second most-hated team. (EXPRESS)

United They Fall From Grace

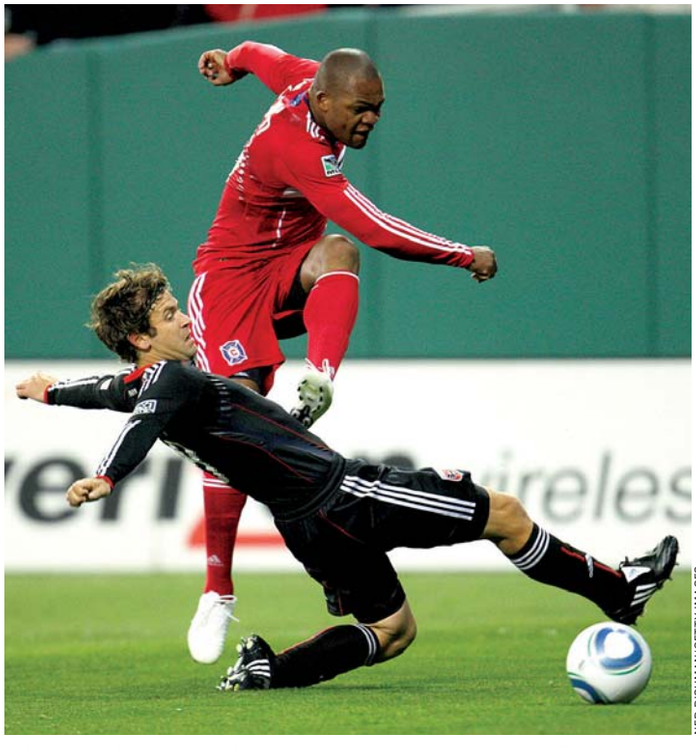
Doubleheader puts the spotlight on two struggling franchises

Soccer

This year's first and only D.C. United/Washington Freedom doubleheader will take place Saturday afternoon at RFK Stadium. Less than a decade ago it was the stage for several well-attended showcases featuring a United side just removed from its dynasty years and an ambitious women's club boasting the iconic Mia Hamm.

This weekend it hosts teams struggling to return to those heights. United is 0-4-0 in MLS play this year and hoping to tread water until it can upgrade its roster this summer. The Freedom is 1-2-0 and has averaged just 3,300 fans in two games in Germantown.

So while there isn't as much buzz, there's a significant amount to play for. United desperately needs a league win, and the Freedom has the chance to remind people there are still players worth watching in the women's game.



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D.C. United's Carey Talley slides for the ball in a loss to the Chicago Fire on April 17.

United technically stopped the bleeding Wednesday, defeating Dallas, 4-2, in a U.S. Open Cup match. But D.C. remains the only pointless team in MLS and has managed only two goals in league play.

It just re-signed former MVP Luciano Emilio to a short-term deal in a desperate but commendable effort to invigorate the attack. His availability to play against New York (4-1-0) on Saturday depends on when his transfer paperwork arrives from Brazil. Either way, Wednesday's win should give D.C. a lift.

"Just getting the monkey off of our back builds our confidence and lets us know that we can find ways to win," said forward Adam Cristman, a Virginia product who scored his first two goals for the club.

The Freedom started slowly despite returning most of its league-leading offense. It will be tested by a 1-0-2 St. Louis Athletica team anchored by U.S. national team goalie Hope Solo and midfielder Shannon Boxx. There's more than standings points at stake. "It's a great opportunity to bring our talent into the District, and further expose our team and league to soccer fans in the region," the Freedom's Abby Wambach said.

BRIAN STRAUS

Steroids a Juicy Issue at Kentucky Derby

Horse Racing

In this age of juiced sprinters, cyclists and power hitters, the Kentucky Derby wants to make sure America's signature thoroughbred race won't be won by a juiced horse. That doesn't necessarily mean the race is steroid-free.

The stigma of chemical-based cheating may be gone thanks to screening for anabolic steroids prior to last year's Derby. But top industry officials say a more controversial battle against a different kind of steroid abuse could be looming.

Derby track veterinarian Larry Bramlage says he expects the "next frontier" of drug testing will involve a crackdown on a type of steroids that reduces swelling rather than builds muscle. When used properly, these so-called corticosteroids provide major therapeutic benefits in easing arthritis, but when overused, Bramlage says, they can potentially do more damage than anabolics by masking injuries and forcing overexertion.

JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Trainer Bob Baffert looks on at Kentucky Derby favorite Lookin At Lucky Thursday.

They are considered performance-enhancing drugs and outlawed in many human sports when taken intravenously. But for horses, the perceived danger is less about an unfair edge in an individual race and more about the cumulative effect of running several times in a row without enough rest.

The tricky part is figuring out how to regulate the bad effects without infringing on the good. Some trainers are fearful the industry will overreact. "Now they want to take everything away," said Bob Baffert, who is sending two horses to Saturday's Run for the Roses, including favorite Lookin At Lucky. "These horses have got pretty tough testing. It's been like that for a long time, but people want to change a lot of things. They make a bigger deal out of it than it really is." (AP)

In Brief

GERRY BROOME/AP

Tiger Woods fills out his scorecard after shooting a 74 Thursday in Charlotte, N.C.

GOLF

Woods All Wet in Round 1

Tiger Woods will need to stay out of the water if he hopes to contend at the Quail Hollow Championship. Woods put drives in the water off the 17th and 18th tees Thursday, and finished with a 2-over 74, leaving him nine shots behind early leader Bo Van Pelt. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA OKs Tournament Expansion to 68 Teams

The NCAA's board of directors approved an expanded men's basketball tournament Thursday, passing a proposal that will take the field from 65 teams to 68 next season. The move comes one week after NCAA officials recommended the first expansion of March Madness since 2001, when the tourney added one team to the 64-team field. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

James Expected to Play With Strained Elbow

LeBron James shot left-handed layups and short jumpers at practice Thursday, but the Cavaliers superstar is not expected to miss any of Cleveland's playoff games because of his strained right elbow and bone bruise. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Evans Named Top Rookie

Sacramento guard Tyreke Evans beat out Golden State's Stephen Curry and Milwaukee's Brandon Jennings to win the NBA Rookie of the Year award. Evans was the fourth rookie ever to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists per game, joining Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James. (AP)

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In Washington, The Choke's on Us

We should have known.

Caught up in a 54-win season, Alex Ovechkin's spectacular plays and Bruce Boudreau's charm, this city lost sight of one important fact: The first word in the Capitals' name is "Washington."

By Matt Swenson

Washington isn't a town for winners, at least in the sports department. It's where promising players blossom before reaching their full potential elsewhere. It's where stars succumb to mysterious hexes that bring disastrous results. It's where big-name veterans come to cash in at the end of their career.

Note that the only professional sports franchise to win a championship since 1992 — D.C. United — at least had the common sense to rid itself of the curse of "Washington" when picking a moniker.

Perhaps no other local team has come up short in such painful ways more often than the Caps.

The Capitals know this better than most. Perhaps no other local team has come up short in such painful ways more often than the Caps.

Wednesday's sudden end to a stellar season is just the latest in a history of choke jobs. Now Boudreau's future, Ovechkin's legacy and the overall composition of the team's roster will be thrown into question.

Does this mean the Caps won't ever win the Stanley Cup? Given how young Ovechkin is, there's no reason to dream such a nightmare yet.

Just don't count on a title anytime soon.

This is Washington, after all.

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Capitals Begin Soul Searching

Stunning collapse presents questions about team's future

The Capitals

It all seemed so clear two weeks ago. The Washington Capitals, the NHL's best team during the regular season and armed with a core of players mostly under the age of 30, had captured the imaginations of so many in this city who thought a Stanley Cup was imminent.

All of that hope went down the drain Wednesday night. The Capitals completed the biggest playoff collapse in franchise history, losing to No. 8 seed Montreal, 2-1, in front of a stunned Verizon Center crowd in Game 7 — a defeat that has turned the clarity of two weeks ago into one giant question mark.

"Congratulations to the Montreal franchise," wrote Capitals owner Ted Leonsis on his blog. "They move on and we stay home and answer questions and do some serious soul searching."

The list of concerns is not a short one. Now with three Game 7 losses at home to his name, superstar captain Alex Ovechkin will have to deal with the growing belief that he's just a stat machine and not a winner. Then there are Alexander Semin and Mike Green, who both played dreadfully this postseason and will undoubtedly become scapegoats for fans and analysts alike.

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

A dejected Brooks Laich and Alex Ovechkin walk off the ice after Wednesday's loss.

And who will be playing alongside them next year? Eleven current Capitals are unsigned heading into the 2010-11 season. General Manager George McPhee will undoubtedly lock up breakout star Nicklas Backstrom to a long-term deal, but the futures of free agents such as Tomas Fleischmann, Eric Fehr, and Shaone Morrisonn remain unclear.

The very way the Capitals play the game of hockey will also be debated endlessly. Their wide-open attack worked wonders in the regular season but generated just one goal per game in Games 5, 6 and 7 against Montreal. Hockey pundits who have frowned on the Capitals' offense-first system now have more ammunition than ever.

"The naysayers will be out, and everybody will have their two bits about why we didn't score goals," veteran Mike Knuble admitted.

This franchise is at a crossroads. It had the hearts of D.C. sports fans in its grasp, but now it's left with uncertainty. Will this collapse be looked back on as a seminal moment or remembered as the beginning of the end for the "Rock the Red" era? Two weeks sure can change things. MARK GIANNOTTO

Decision Days

The Capitals face come hard choices after blowing a 3-1 series lead to the Montreal Canadiens:

- Will Bruce Boudreau be back? The coach has led the Caps to three strong regular seasons but has won just one playoff series.
- Should Green and Semin stay? Mike Green and Alexander Semin didn't produce for a second-straight postseason. A trade may be in order.
- Did someone say defense? The Caps' weakness on the penalty kill cost them dearly. An answer is needed.

AWARDS

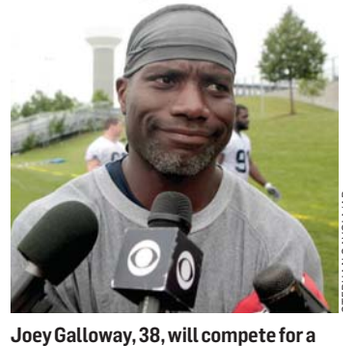
Alex Ovechkin can become the first player to win three-straight Hart Trophies since Wayne Gretzky won eight in a row from 1980 to 1987. The Caps star was named a finalist for the MVP award Thursday, as were the Penguins' Sidney Crosby and the Canucks' Henrik Sedin. The winner will be named June 23. (AP)

Redskins Add Veteran Receivers

The Redskins

Veteran wide receivers Joey Galloway and Bobby Wade have signed free-agent contracts with the Washington Redskins.

The 38-year-old Galloway has 689 catches for 10,777 yards and 77 touchdowns in 15 NFL seasons with Seattle, Dallas, Tampa Bay and New England. But he has only 20 catches over the last two seasons combined, including seven in three games with the Patriots last year.



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Joey Galloway, 38, will compete for a spot on the Redskins this offseason.

Wade has played seven NFL seasons for four teams, compiling 244 catches for 2,858 yards and nine TDs, while also returning punts and kickoffs. The 29-year-old Wade played for Kansas City last season, catching 36 passes for 367 yards and two scores.

The Redskins also signed tight end Logan Paulsen of UCLA and running back Keiland Williams of LSU as college free agents. (AP)

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Susan Lihn, the owner of Cleveland Park's Wake Up Little Suzie, displays her collections — which include skull cups and antique radios — in her living room.

Show Off Objects Of Your Affection

Quirky collections make intriguing home decor

Displays

If you've ever shopped at Cleveland Park's Wake Up Little Suzie, you know that owner Susan Lihn has an eye for finding must-have merchandise. So, it's not surprising that she's just as adept at decorating her own home, where she shows off all kinds of funky and folky collectibles she's amassed over the years.

Built-in shelves in her living room showcase antique radios and Tim Burton-esque skull cups by artist Michael Corney. Figurines made from bottle caps adorn her kitchen, where she also displays a collection of vintage toasters.

"It makes me happy," says Lihn, 61. "I can't imagine living in a Spartan space."

But even though Lihn loves seeing her stuff, she knows it needs to be artfully arranged to avoid making the one-bedroom, 1920s-era apartment she owns in Cleveland Park look like a hodgepodge. "I personally have no problem having a lot of things, but you have to get them grouped together," she says. "I like stuff a lot, but I like it on shelves and on tables."

Lihn shows that even if you live in a small condo in Logan Circle or a narrow rowhouse on Capitol Hill, you can still display your vintage album covers or cache of kitschy salt and pepper shakers without totally overwhelming

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Shelve a Hobby

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your space. It just takes organization and a willingness to let your finds flock together.

"A collection can really stand out in a smaller space," says Monica Rich Kosann, a photographer and designer and the author of "Living With What You Love" ($30, Clarkson Potter). "The key word here is to gather. When you have a small space, you should gather your collection in one area. It just makes the collection look all the more important and impressive, as opposed to spreading it out all over the place."

Kosann does just that with her own beloved objects, whether it's an assortment of antique cigarette cases she's arranged on a side table or pieces of pottery that sit on wall-mounted molding in her bathroom.

KEVIN DIETSCH

Susan Lihn's "bottle cap men" liven up a table in her apartment. Grouping collections together keeps tight spaces tidy, Lihn says.

"You just have to be creative," she says. "I always tell people not to be afraid to bring their collection out and share it with everyone."

Lawyer Tory Nugent, 40, has found strength in numbers when it comes to hanging the petite pieces of artwork she's collected. "A small piece can get lost on a large wall or in a large space if it's alone," she says. "When you combine them, you see interesting connections and comparisons between the pieces. It sort of creates a secondary piece of art."

In her 1,350-square-foot, two-bedroom condo in Northwest D.C., Nugent has a cluster of artwork on her living-room wall and another in her breakfast area, with smaller

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displays in a hallway and TV room. She arranges her prints, etchings, paintings and photographs on the floor first, to see how things work together, before hanging it up.

"The pieces look best when grouped into some sort of coherent arrangement," Nugent says. "And it enables me to hang everything I have."

For other kinds of collectibles, even the simplest of shelving can be used to create a gallery-worthy vignette. Annie Elliott, principal of D.C.-based interior design firm Bossy Color (202-265-0443, Bossycolor.com), once ran basic acrylic shelving around the top of a child's room to showcase his Lego toys.

"Putting a shelf way up high, either around an entire room or on one wall, can be a good option," she says. "For smaller items, a single shelf in a bookcase is a really great opportunity to pack your collection together for the most impact. If you're talking about paperweights, for example, it's better to have 15 on a shelf than two here and three there."

Don't think that the bedroom or the living room are the only places for displaying your prized possessions. "The dining room is such an unused room; a lot of the time, it's the perfect place to display things,"

Putting collections on display can help show your sense of humor or shine a spotlight on something you love.

Elliott says. "And if it's something that isn't affected by moisture, put it on a shelf in the bathroom. It's really such a delightful little surprise for anyone visiting you."

"You can kind of treat these collections like wallpaper," says Kosann, recalling a client who covered the walls of a bathroom with

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miniature silhouettes. "Instead of wallpapering a bathroom or little hallway, paint it a muted color and then use your collection as the decorative element in that space."

These kinds of displays can help demonstrate your sense of humor or simply shine a spotlight on something you love.

"Collecting, in general, is a little bit of a dying art; people aren't collecting the way they used to," Elliott says. "I would love to encourage people to find something to collect. It really distinguishes you and your space. Collecting something makes you interesting."

And you may even already be on the verge of a treasure trove — without knowing it. "I had been socking away vintage hand towels for years before I realized I had a habit going," Elliott says. "What I do now is layer them on the towel rack in the powder room, which people use at parties. There's a little discard basket nearby; each guest uses one towel and puts it in the little laundry bin. I like to think people get a chuckle out of it." BETH LUBERECKI

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Skull cups by artist Michael Corney fill a shelf in Susan Lihn's home, which showcases many of her distinctive collections.

"Gather your collection in one area. It makes the collection look all the more impressive."

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A Family That's Living Large

"9 by Design" stars Robert and Cortney Novogratz rehab homes in New York.

With a brood that could rival the offspring of Jon and Kate Gosselin in sheer number and personality, the Novogratz family starring in Bravo's new "9 by Design" show (Tuesdays at 10 p.m.) might initially strike you as the latest reality-TV train-wreck-to-be. But there's much more to them than just snappy TV editing and seven cute kids (all under age 13!). The heads of the household, **Robert and Cortney Novogratz**, have spent more than 15 years making a name for their trendy Sixx Design (Sixxdesign.com) business in New York's competitive real estate world. Through this bona fide mom-and-pop venture, the gutsy duo have turned eyesores into show-stopping properties throughout the Big Apple — often living in them during the process. They chronicled some of these funky-to-fantastic rehabs in their style tome, "Downtown Chic" ($45, Rizzoli).

The family has taken some flak in the media for their frequent moves, but Robert Novogratz (who grew up in Alexandria and was once a Washington Post paperboy) says his kids don't mind the changes of scenery. "There are a lot of worse-off kids in the world that you have to worry about than my kids," he says. "They're going from one mansion to another mansion. They're very lucky kids."

"Lucky" seems like an understatement if you've seen the Novogratzes' newest home, which has been featured on "9 by Design." The five-story, 8,000-square-foot house built on the site of a former sex shop in Manhattan has floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the Hudson River.

While the Novogratzes' business-driven lifestyle and rising fame sets them apart from average city dwellers, urban families still might identify with Robert and Cortney Novogratz's challenges as time- and space-crunched parents. We asked the duo to spill some tips on kid-friendly decor, thrift-store steals and managing a design firm while also raising a large family. KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

How do you balance your time managing a family of nine while also running Sixx Design?

Robert: First of all, our office is our home. We have our meetings during the day when the kids are at school. We're our own bosses, so we can take on 10 jobs or we can take on one, and we pick where we want to have it. That's a real luxury. We've had offers to design stuff in Europe or overseas, but we'd rather be with our kids.

There are so many Manhattanites that are getting up at 5 in the morning in Greenwich, Conn., and taking the train in and then working until 6, getting home at 8 — and we don't have to do that. We walk our kids to school, so it's easier than you think.

Cortney: Working together allows us to be better parents because we've kind of invested the same [in our jobs]. So, if we succeed, we all succeed together. If we fail, then we fail together. Robert and I balance the job responsibility and the kids responsibility because we work together. So, say, for example, he needs to make it to my son's basketball game in the afternoon. Then, I would go to the job site and do what needs to be done that day.

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'We go into a house ... in its worst condition, and we love it because we can see the potential that it may have.'

Top left: Robert and Cortney Novogratz added a new zinc countertop to an old bar base from Paris, installing it in a house they built on a vacant Manhattan lot. Top right: The Novogratzes paid $100 for this bunch of triangular factory lights they found in Paris. Bottom: Colorful posters enhance a pared-down kitchen in the Novogratzes' rural Massachusetts farmhouse.

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Rooms for Nine

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Are your kids now old enough to help you make decisions about decorating?

Cortney: The older kids, definitely. Each [Sixx Design construction] project is interesting because it usually takes about a year of us building and designing, whether it's for our own home or for someone else's, so the kids go to the job sites. They're aware of what projects we're working on. If it's their own house, a lot of times they'll come through and say, "Oh, I want you to put this in," or, "I want that."

What tips do you have for large families who don't want to sacrifice style in a kid-friendly home?

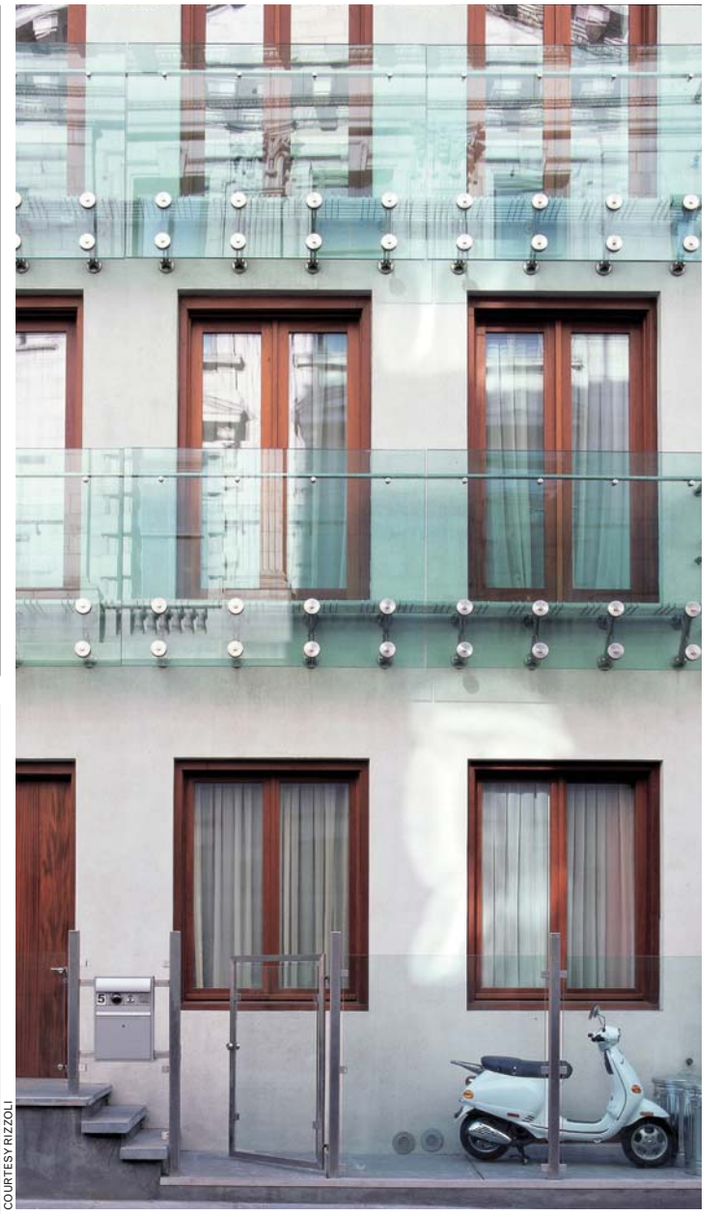
Cortney: I personally think there are great, great [furniture] stores out there that aren't super-expensive. You can also mix a really nice, expensive piece with inexpensive pieces. For example, you may have a beautiful table, so you can do fun Ikea chairs or flea market chairs or West Elm chairs.

I also think that if you tell your kids [that you care about how your home looks], they'll help. For example, if we have a dinner party, I put candles out, I get flowers, and I make a big fuss about it. My kids see that, and they help me set the table. It's part of the "make your house look good, make yourself look good" idea, to take pride in things like that.

I'd imagine space is at a premium in your house.

Cortney: Yeah. We obviously have nine people under one roof, so I want everyone to have enough space and for nothing to really be off-limits. A lot of people try to save their china for Thanksgiving. I use it every day. We also have great plastic plates, too. I'm wise enough to know, if I have 10 kids over, I'll pull those [plastic plates] out if we're having pizza. But I try to use all my great pretty things all the time. And I put art pieces in the kids' rooms. So they pretty much grow up taking responsibility and caring for things, but also having the freedom to have fun.

"We always talk to the locals to find the best flea markets. Usually, all the stuff you'll like is from one or two booths."



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The Novogratzes recently moved out of a home they embellished with glass balconies.

I read that you've gotten some great salvage and vintage finds in France. What's the secret to finding treasures at a flea market?

Robert: You have to get there early and you just really have to look a lot. We always talk to the locals to find the best flea markets. Usually, all the stuff you'll like is from one or two booths.

About 10 years ago [at a flea market in Nice, France], we asked one vendor, "Where do you get your stuff?" Then, she actually took us all over the south of France to all of these local markets. We've done that three times with her. So, you have to figure out where the buyer is buying his or her stuff.

Is that the best way to find interesting items in the U.S., too?

Robert: In the U.S., it's gotten harder to find great things. You've got to get up early and go to a lot of places and just sift through the stuff you don't like. You get lucky from time to time. But I think it's just a matter of how often you go.

If you can go to one flea market, you should go to the [Brim-

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A dome tops a basketball court the Novogratzes built on the roof of their former home.

field Antique Show] in Brimfield, Mass. They have a few fairs a year. That's probably the best flea market on the East Coast.

Your projects featured in "9 by Design" and in "Downtown Chic" are really a testament to how you both can see an amazing home in an empty lot or a run-down building. How do you do that?

Cortney: I think Robert and I have vision that maybe other people would miss out on. We go into a house or apartment in its worst condition, and we love it because we can see the potential that it may have. That's a plus.

We also got to a point where, if it was a parking lot or a gun shop or a nightclub — anything in lower Manhattan that has space and could be a home — because we have a lot of children, we took risks that maybe the average person wouldn't be able to do. We took risks to have space. We could see things that could be beautiful. We look at even the worst situation and try to make an opportunity out of it.

It's a lot of fun: taking something that is unexpected and making something great out of it.

Have you ever turned your back on a place like that?

Cortney: Yes, just because we have to be able to turn a profit and have a business out of this. We've turned our back on situations where, we knew, eventually, it could be great, but it just didn't calculate [financially]. For everything we do, we look at the risk factor. We've looked at huge buildings and climbed on scaffolding, and we've just been, like, "You know what? We know our limits."

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$349,000 On a residential strip a couple blocks east of Union Station, this one-bedroom condo sits on the terrace level of a building first erected in 1892 and rebuilt in 1984. Its redbrick facade is well kept and attractive (the boarded-up building next door is less so). Inside, a gas fireplace ups the charm quotient, and a babbling fountain adds a dose of Zen to the narrow private patio just beyond the living room doors. Though it measures just 643 square feet, the condo's layout is efficient and airy (albeit on the dark side), with a surprisingly generous living room. With outdated white appliances and minimal counter space, the tight kitchen gets a gasp of breathing room, thanks to a small window stamped out of the wall. Plus: washer and dryer in unit, hardwood floors in living areas. (LISTED THROUGH KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY) KATIE KNOROVSKY

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Developer Kelly Shooshan stands in a Liberty Center condo with personalizable decor.

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New developments simplify the process of selecting upgrades before moving day

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The infamous housing bubble hasn't made life easy for most people with a stake in real estate over the past few years. Yet, some experts are pointing toward a silver lining for first-time home buyers. Pre-construction and just-built homes have become more affordable, which means newbies can often spend extra cash on formerly out-of-reach luxury features.

"New homes used to be a premium," said Carri Nelsen, marketing manager for Stanley Martin Homes (Stanleymartin.com). "Today, it's really affordable to build. Resale and new construction have gotten closer in sale price," due to the economy.

Purchasing pre-construction often gives buyers the chance to completely personalize the design and features of their pad — everything from the color of granite countertops to the look of designer-grade kitchen hardware. At new Stanley Martin developments, such as the Shirlington Crest townhouses, buyers typically put 8 percent of the sales price toward optional upgrades, according to Nelsen. On a $500,000 townhouse, that adds up to $50,000 in additional choices — no chump change. Though it's not hard to spend that cash, local developers have made it easier for buyers to pick and choose their premium features, with plans that range from fully customizable to move-in ready with pre-selected upgrades.

Stanley Martin emphasizes a hands-on approach for buyers interested in Northern Virginia homes in its developments such as Shirlington Crest, Kendall Square in Fairfax and Darlington Oaks in

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Herndon. The company encourages potential home buyers to browse Stanley Martin's extensive design studio in Chantilly — which hosts open hours every Saturday — to select finishes, lighting, flooring and other design options. Buyers must finalize their upgrade selections within 21 days of signing a contract.

Completing upgrades before the move-in process is essential, says Lindsay Messer, a Stanley Martin design studio consultant who works with buyers in the pre-construction phase. Nobody wants to rip out a kitchen — which is necessary even to replace cabinets — after they've moved in, Messer says.

> **"Everyone wants stainless steel appliances and granite countertops; this is exactly what we wanted from the get go."**
>
> — **MATIE LITTLE**, RHODES HILL SQUARE RESIDENT

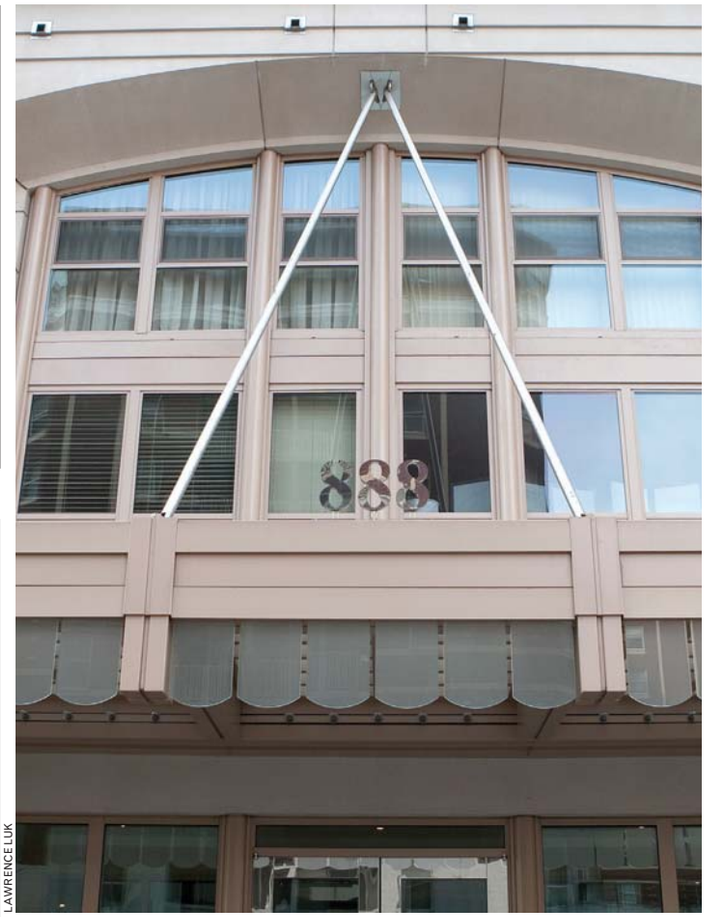
Kim Denver, who closed on a townhouse in Shirlington Crest in March, chose to outfit his new digs with maple hardwood floors, granite countertops with a backsplash and the highest-quality bathroom fixtures offered. He said he chose his upgrades strategically. "In previous homes I've owned and sold, buyers were always interested in the master bath and the kitchen, so I chose to invest there," says Denver, 49, the director of the National Contracting Organization for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

While some buyers may revel in the ability to make design choices galore on their pre-construction units, others may be overwhelmed. A less-intimidating yet still-flexible approach is offered by the Residences of Liberty Center in Ballston, which offers coordinated design packages in lieu of conventional upgrades.

Liberty Center buyers can choose from three style options for their units: conservative, traditional or contemporary. "We're a little bit like chocolate, vanilla or strawberry," says developer Kelly Shooshan. All of the amenities in each package are comparably priced.

Two-bedroom units at Liberty Center start at $530,900, but prices go up with the elevator ride — an optional upgrade that's common among high-rises. "Every floor you go up, the view gets better and better," says sales manager Chris Blakemore. Residents on floors 13 through 21 have unobstructed views of the Capitol and monuments on the National Mall. Of course, that view comes with a price tag, too. A two-bedroom condo on the east side facing downtown D.C. costs $75,000 more than a condo on the same floor facing west.

Another subset of new construction exists for others who value quality over customization: the move-in-ready unit. Think of it as the high-end add-ons being built right into the purchase price. The standardization of luxury at Rho-



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des Hill Square (Rhodeshillsquare.com) in Arlington enticed Matie Little and her husband to close on a unit in February.

"We're pretty busy with our jobs, so we knew we wouldn't have time to do the extra work to remodel once we moved in," says Little, 29, an attorney. "Everyone wants the stainless-steel appliances and granite countertops, and we knew this would be exactly what we wanted from the get-go."

COURTESY STANLEY MARTIN

Stanley Martin Homes' design studio lets buyers choose from many options for hardwood flooring and carpeting in their homes.

Extra-special touches abound in each unit of Rhodes Hill Square, which is currently selling two-bedroom units starting at $599,000. Travertine floors and dual shower heads come standard in master baths. Open floor plans pair with extra-high ceilings in the living rooms of the upper-level city homes. All units include pendant lighting, maple cabinetry and double vanities.

With only 14 units in the Littles' building, Rhodes Hill Square feels "more intimate" than other developments, Little says. "In other buildings, the halls were endless, and all the doors looked the same. Here, you feel like you'll get to know all of your neighbors."

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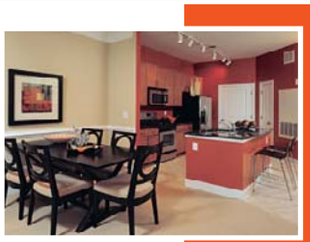

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'MISS MANNERS' AND HER DAUGHTER

It's been more than a decade since Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners, wrote her first book on wedding etiquette. Now, with help from her daughter, comedian (and newly-wed) Jacobina, she offers an update with "Miss Manners' Guide to a Surprisingly Dignified Wedding" ($25, Norton), tackling modern subjects such as e-mail, dress codes and greedy gift registries.

What about today's nuptials did you feel you needed to address?

Judith: Since my last book was written on weddings, people have come up with all sorts of new, clever schemes for practicing extortion on guests. And then my daughter became engaged herself, started reading "bridal porn" and offered up some new insights, which made me realize I needed her help.

What exactly is "bridal porn"?

Jacobina: Pretty much all the $10, 10-pound magazines available. I ran out and got them all, but I started noticing that a lot of the advice was geared toward the bridal industry and how to get the most out of your guest. I'd compare it to the baby industry, where you're told, "If you were a good parent, you'd buy this." You feel guilty if you resist.

How do they steer you wrong?

Judith: The bridal industry suggests that you almost forcibly make everything about your own desires, and that nothing should be for the comfort of your guests. The destination wedding is all about that. The place is more important than the people! And should you want to go, you have to spend huge amounts of money and time to get there.

Jacobina: And this notion that you have to outdo everyone else. It might be fun for your guests to see you come in on a helicopter or an elephant, but after a day, they'll stop talking about it and you'll probably be in terrible debt.

> **"Gift registries ... have totally destroyed the whole idea of giving presents."**

What other aspects of modern weddings incite you?

Judith: Gift registries. The notion is that if you get married — and by extension, if you graduate or have a baby — you can make other people furnish your life. They have totally destroyed the whole idea of giving presents, which is, "I thought about you, and I tried to find something that would please you." Franchising your shopping has no place in polite society.

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3 The Best Man(icure)

WE THINK MOM would agree: Those fuchsia toes look a little, ahem, tacky poking out of your satin peep-toes. Skip the trendy hues (and the lecture from Ma) and opt for simple nail shades on the big day, like the colors included in Essie's new wedding collection ($8 each, Essie.com). For Mom's sake, you may want to dole out bottles from the fail-safe palette — including the lavender "Main Squeeze" and the ivory "A Walk Down the Aisle" — to your bridal party, too.

2 Giving The Nod

VANILLA IS JUST SO ... vanilla. When it comes to cakes, couples are opting for inventive flavor combos, such as chocolate-mint or pumpkin-caramel. (Find such tasty options at the new Fluffy Thoughts Cakes, 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Va.; 703-942-5538.) And what goes on top has become equally creative: A search on Etsy.com's wedding section turns up toppers for Zombie or Lego enthusiasts, though our pick is the so-kitschy-they're-cool custom-made bobblehead dolls (shown, $238, Neatoshop.com).

Grab Bag

1 Tailored Maids

WE KNOW HOW this story goes: Well-meaning bride vows to find re-wearable bridesmaid dresses, yadda yadda yadda, said garments clog up closets for years to come. Still, Cynthia Rowley's debut collection of flirty wedding party frocks ($175-$220, Dessy.com) might put an end to the vicious cycle. The cocktail-worthy dresses, from sleek halters to frothy-skirted styles, could easily pass for pieces from Rowley's quirky-pretty fashion line — all the more reason to don them again.

4 Tie Him Down

IF YOUR HIP GROOM (and his equally dapper groomsmen) chafe at the thought of getting gussied up in traditional penguin suits, consider an alternative. (No, not force.) The natty new line of ties ($100-$120) and pocket squares ($30) from D.C.-based Derringer Friday (Derringerfriday.com) come in funky fabrics — mustard wool, salmon-striped linen, cotton madras (shown) — that boast stylish swagger. Pairing them with plucky gingham is just one option: They look equally cool with a slim, dark suit.

5 Beautiful Services

BRIDES-TO-BE raid Anthropologie for church-apropos accessories (like the Shimmering Nectar necklace, shown, $78, Anthropologie.com). So, it's no surprise the line's designers are lending their pretty touch to a new wedding line, to debut in February. Other fresh options: White House Black Market's limited-edition gown ($495, Whitehouseblackmarket.com), and Ann Taylor, which now offers bridesmaid and bridal dresses (Anntaylor.com).

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm getting married to the best guy. All of the wedding planning has gone as smoothly except for one thing: I'm 6 feet 1 inch tall, exactly 1/2 inch taller than my groom. I don't want to tower over him. Please recommend a pair of fabulous low-heeled shoes. — MONA

Manolo says, the Manolo wishes that tall girls would no longer worry about this sort of thing. However, the Manolo also knows that weddings are the dramatically artificial events in which, like the land of Disney, stressed-out people

labor mightily to make every detail conform to the fairy tale.

Because of this desire for aesthetic perfection, slovenly couch potatoes, both male and female, are forcibly scrubbed, trimmed and coifed all over, dressed in the fancy clothes and then prodded to remain upright and standing for nearly one whole hour.

(As the aside, why does the Manolo never receive frantic missives from short grooms looking for fashionable elevator shoes?)

Look, here is the kitten-heeled Evie from Kate Spade ($295, Zappos.com), available in white or ivory.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

About the Cover

Ambika wears a "Jenny" dress from Punk Rock Bride ($2,900, Punkrockrbride.com) and earrings from Queen Bee Designs ($30, Queenbeedesigns.com). Hair/makeup: Demetruss Valentine/ T.H.E. Artist Agency. Model: T.H.E. Artist Agency

Grab Bag goods gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Betsy Lowther. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, visit expressnightout.com/grabbag

lookout weddings

THE BRIDE WORE BRIGHTS

It's hard to argue with a classic white wedding — but such blank canvases also seem to cry for a little splash of color. Which might explain why so many stylish brides are punching up their ivory gowns with a rainbow of accessories — headbands bedecked with buttery rosettes, aquamarine shoes, trains of lilac silk — that show off a little personality and playfulness. "Color is a great way to put your own stamp on a bridal look," says Julia Lichtmann Kepniss, co-owner of Georgetown's Hitched bridal boutique. "It lets you break out of the box, but without going overboard."

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

PHOTOS BY MARGE ELY

The long lilac sash on Amsale's tulle-skirted gown ($3,750, Hitched, 1523 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-6162) plays up Suzanne Somersall's pink sapphire earrings ($3,000, Suzsomer.com).

A yellow rosette headband ($32, Anthropologie, 3222 M St. NW; 202-337-1363) makes a sweet topper for the "Jenny" dress by D.C.-based line Punk Rock Bride ($3,500, Punkrockbride.com).

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Cover up with a romantic, ruched shawl in celery green ($32, Anthropologie). Worn with J.Crew's beach wedding-worthy draped goddess gown ($475, Jcrew.com).

Teal heels ($162, The Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-7105) pop from under Badgley Mischka's gown ($3,510, Chevy Chase Bridal, 5300 Wisconsin Ave.; 202-363-9301).

Pin on a dramatic coral linen rose ($85, Emersonmade.com) to add extra oomph to a sleek dress, such as this tiered version from Amy Kuschel ($2,700, Hitched).

lookout weddings

History, Channeled

Once upon a time, pledging till death do you part meant booking the church, synagogue or backyard. Nowadays, couples richen their big day by vowing a lifetime of sharing the TV remote at places steeped in history, from colonial manors to beaux-arts ballrooms. Recapturing the charm of weddings past means heeding the venue's historical cues. "You don't want to go into the Willard and make it an '80s-themed event," says D.C. wedding planner Vicky Johnson (Holymatrimonyonline.com). "Let the space speak to you, and then follow where it goes." KATIE KNOROVSKY

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Elegant detailing makes Dupont Circle's Anderson House an eye-catching party site.

COURTESY HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

FUTURISTIC

THE SCENE: Find a sleek space with up-to-the-minute tech capabilities at the Human Rights Campaign's ultra-mod Equality Forum (Equalitycenter.org) in downtown D.C. A minimalist vibe — complete with airy windows, exposed industrial columns and recessed lighting — offers a blank-but-stylish canvas.

SERVE UP: Go molecular with rejiggered cocktails, such as cotton candy puffs melted into mojitos, like those slung by José Andrés Catering with Ridgewells (Joseandrescatering.com).

FLORAL FOCUS: "Suspend flowers [with fishing wire] throughout for a weightlessness effect like you're in space," says D.C. florist Sarah von Pollaro (Petalsforthepeople.com). For space-age style, opt for spiky protea, star thistle or even blinking fiber-optic buds.

COURTESY WOODLAWN PLANTATION

COLONIAL

THE SCENE: Woodlawn Plantation (Woodlawn1805.org) offers plenty for those looking to forge their new life with antiqued flair. Near Mount Vernon in Alexandria, the 126-acre estate was a bighearted wedding gift from George Washington to his nephew in 1799.

SERVE UP: To channel the wisdom (and drinking habits) of our Founding Fathers, fill punch bowls with spiced hard cider. Keep food communal, too, with family-style platters on long tables. Since tiered wedding cakes weren't invented until the Victorian era, consider booze-soaked fruitcakes instead.

FLORAL FOCUS: Cover Woodlawn's wrought-iron arch with English garden flowers, a nod to the era and to the estate's gardens, says Fairfax planner Carol Marino (Aperfectwed.com).

COURTESY KRISTEN SNYDER

ART DECO

THE SCENE: Jump, jive and wail in Glen Echo Park's 1930's-era Spanish Ballroom (Glenechopark.org), perched along the Potomac just outside Northwest D.C. The restored hall has a large stage and dance floor that can hold 450 guests. The nearby 1920s Bumper Car Pavilion is also an open-air rental space.

SERVE UP: Offer libations from the bar bible of the Jazz Age, "The Savoy Cocktail Book." Try the Wedding Belle Cocktail, a regal blend of orange juice, cherry brandy, dry gin and Dubonnet concocted for the 1947 nuptials of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip of Greece.

FLORAL FOCUS: Carry loose bundles of ivory calla lilies, accented with flapper-esque ostrich or peacock feathers.

DÉCOR IDEAS: Mark each table with deco-style frames that display mugs of movie stars (Fred Astaire, Greta Garbo) from the 1930s and '40s, suggests Karyn Jarboe of the Art Deco Society of Washington (Adsw.org).

CHEEKY EXTRA: As a nod to Prohibition, fill an antique bathtub with gin or moonshine. Line it with ladles and let guests bottle their own boozy party favors.

BEAUX-ARTS

THE SCENE: Gallivant like a turn-of-the-20th-century aristocrat at Anderson House (Societyofthecincinnati.org). Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Dupont Circle embassies, the Beaux-Arts mansion was the upper-crust crib of diplomat Larz Anderson and his well-heeled wife from 1905 to 1937. The space drips with opulence befitting a lavish affair — think 16th-century Flemish tapestries, a Steinway grand piano and sweeping Italianate staircases.

SERVE UP: Try a gin and bourbon rickey — a fizzy highball concocted in the late 19th century in D.C. — or another Gilded Age favorite, the Brandy Fizz.

FLORAL FOCUS: Bunch soft pink peonies in julep cups, then place on tables draped with pink toile, suggests Alexandria wedding planner Laura Weatherly (Engagingaffairs.com). Or take a page from Edith Wharton's Victorian tome, "The Age of Innocence," and feature white lilies of the valley.

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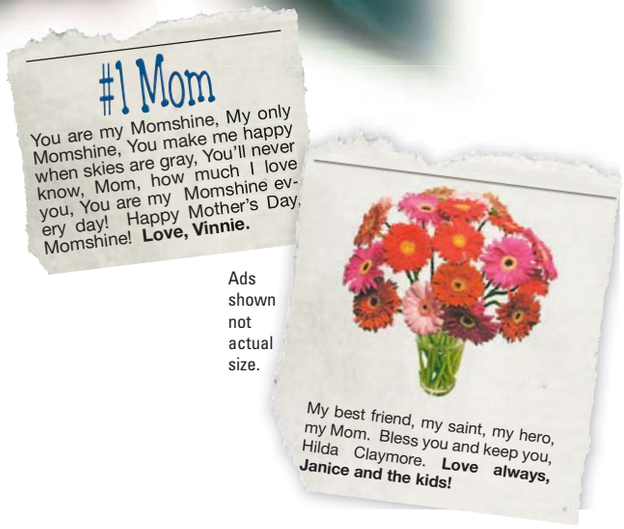

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BOW DON MEDIA

School of Shock

I am among the vast majority of teachers who are no longer teachers. But I've stayed interested in the field, and anyone who is an educational policy dork should see "The Cartel," a documentary about the almost hilariously corrupt and ineffective New Jersey educational system. The lessons taught — which are, of course, not always the lessons learned — are compelling for any district facing high dropout rates, low test scores and a parade of high-profile stories about teachers who cannot be fired, no matter what the offense.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

Director Bob Bowden's style is a bit Morgan Spurlock via John Stossel (read: one-sided and full of that special brand of outrage TV journalists do so well), but he has points to make. And while he certainly comes down hard on the New Jersey teachers union, there's plenty of blame to go around. Learning how much money New Jersey spends per student, then finding out what percentage of that goes to the Assistant Superintendent of Something No One Really Understands and Who Doesn't Seem Really Necessary should certainly inspire those following Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee to check similar figures.

I don't think "The Cartel" is going to hit the big time in terms of documentaries. But I do think it has special meaning to District residents — at least they can sigh and be grateful they don't live in New Jersey.

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WARNER BROS.

Jackie Earle Haley stars as the legendary Freddy Krueger in this highly unimaginative, uninspired remake of Wes Craven's 1984 horror hit "Nightmare on Elm Street."

Butchering a Classic

A remake of the iconic 'Nightmare' takes all the fun out of our dear friend Freddy

Film Review

Freddy Krueger used to be such a fun guy.

Sure, he wore a ratty sweater, and he had the complexion of a blister-laden relief map, and he repeatedly invaded people's dreams, then shoved his deadly finger knives into their torsos. But he had such a sense of humor about the whole thing.

Unfortunately, in the remake of 1984's "Nightmare on Elm Street" — don't call this a reimagining, people, because imagination is the last thing at work here — good ol' Fred loses any sense of playful shock he once possessed and turns into a generic figure meticulously manufactured to simultaneously gross and freak us out. It doesn't work.

Jackie Earle Haley — who earned a well-deserved Oscar nomination for his role as a sex offender in 2006's "Little Children," and has often been cast in creepy roles ever since — assumes the Freddy persona made iconic in eight previous "Nightmare" movies by, as this movie makes abundantly clear, the irreplaceable Robert Englund. The basic story line remains the same: A bunch of teens in a cozy suburb called Springwood start having simultaneous bad dreams about the same homicidal dude, dreams in which some of them are viciously murdered and wind up dead in real life. Naturally, there is a reason the guy called Krueger is such a common subconscious denominator, and this is where screenwriters Wesley Strick and Eric Heisserer take a couple liberties with the original backstory. In the 1984 version, Krueger was a child murderer burned by a mob of angry Springwood parents after being freed from prison; this time, he's a suspected pedophile set ablaze by a mob of angry Springwood parents after he took innocent children to his dank basement home underneath their preschool. Because, you know, most accredited preschools are totally cool about letting weird guys reside in their basements.

The flick spends most of its time re-slashing its way through scenes already familiar to anyone who saw Wes Craven's original, while adding enough "modern" tweaks to make this "Nightmare" relevant to younger audiences.

As for Haley, he pours every bit of menace he can muster into Krueger but can't overcome the listless direction by Samuel Bayer. When Englund wore the pock-marked, ghoulish guise, he seemed genuinely creepy, even when he was cracking absurd jokes. But the "new" Krueger looks like some melted-candle hybrid of the Pale Man from "Pan's Labyrinth" and Hans Moleman from "The Simpsons."

JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Backstage

Tortured Look

What was the hardest part of filling Robert Englund's giant Freddy shoes? The tedious make-up, according to Jackie Earle Haley, who recently told Rebecca Murray of About.com about the process: "We worked it down to three-and-a -half hours," he said. "That's where it lived. And it was kind of like Chinese water torture, except it's like glue torture. It kind of was ironic to me to discover all these years that the only person really being tortured on these sets was Robert Englund." (EXPRESS)

'Nightmare on Elm Street'

- **Time:** 92 minutes
- **Director:** Samuel Bayer
- **Stars:** Jackie Earle Haley
- **In a Nutshell:** If you've seen the original, you know the score: Freddy Krueger, the ghost of a serial child killer, terrorizes a bunch of teenagers in their nightmares.
- **For Fans of:** "Nightmare on Elm Street" (all six in the original series), "Friday the 13th," "New Nightmare"

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Watch and Learn

'The Cartel' makes sharp, if obvious, observations about American education

Film Review

BOWDON MEDIA

Bob Bowdon, left, directed, wrote, narrated and produced the film "The Cartel."

Television news reporter Bob Bowdon says he was compelled to make the documentary "The Cartel," a critical look at public education in America, because the story, in his words, "had never been told." Apparently, he didn't see the "20/20" episode called "Stupid in America." Or maybe he did.

Bowdon's film is very similar to the Jan. 13, 2006, ABC News report (available on YouTube) in which co-anchor John Stossel blamed teachers' unions, and the entrenched public-school bureaucracy, for the sorry state of our nation's public schools. According to both men's reports, unions and school systems are the bad guys — Bowdon calls them a cartel; Stossel a monopoly — for their perceived opposition to such things as school choice and teacher accountability. It's a story that's much in the local news these days, as D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee continues to butt heads with union leaders and the D.C. Council.

So, the question is: Does anyone need to see "The Cartel"? Maybe if you like to get angry about school janitors who make six-figure salaries or teachers who abuse kids but can't be fired. Or maybe if you just crawled out from under a rock.

Bowdon is smart, and, like Stossel, he throws a sharp elbow. He's no Michael Moore, though. The film — which Bowdon directed, wrote, narrated and produced, and operated a camera, composed music and sang for — spends a little too much time on static shots of flickering computer screens filled with gray text. His most effective storytelling comes when he trains his camera on the expectant faces of people waiting for the results of a New Jersey charter-school lottery.

Bowdon's central points seem like common sense. Competition for students makes for better schools. Throwing money at the problem solves nothing. It ought to be easier to get rid of bad teachers and to reward good ones.

It's a story that's much in the local news, as Michelle Rhee continues to butt head with union leaders.

But those arguments pale in comparison with the tears we see on the faces of those folks at the lottery. Nothing drives home the point better than that people are desperate to escape a system that has failed them. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Writing's (Not) on the Wall

A film on graffiti delights but raises authorship issues

Film Review

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Thierry Guetta was first an observer, then became a graffiti artist himself.

A celebration of pranksterism and perhaps a superb prank in its own right, the documentary "Exit Through the Gift Shop" captures the outlaw, monkey-wrenching glee of the graffiti artists who became art stars at the turn of this century, while raising profound questions about authorship.

"Exit Through the Gift Shop" has inspired both praise and deep skepticism. It purports to be directed by Banksy, the shadowy British street artist whose stencils of rats and puckish acts of mischief have made him a huge international success. But whether the film is on the level or just another of his political-cultural provocations has been open to question.

One reason for the suspicion is that "Exit Through the Gift Shop" features a protagonist who seems too weirdly good to be true. Thierry Guetta, a Frenchman living in Los Angeles, turns out to be the real star of "Exit Through the Gift Shop," even though the film features Banksy and the equally famous Shepard Fairey.

Guetta acquired a video camera, which he used to record most of his daily life. When a relative began doing street art, Guetta naturally filmed his late-night escapades, resulting in an interest in graffiti artists that turned into an obsession. Propelled by Guetta's remarkable video footage of the artists at work, "Exit Through the Gift Shop" takes an even more compelling turn when Guetta turns into a graffiti artist himself.

"Exit Through the Gift Shop" may raise a lot of questions, but they're all the right ones. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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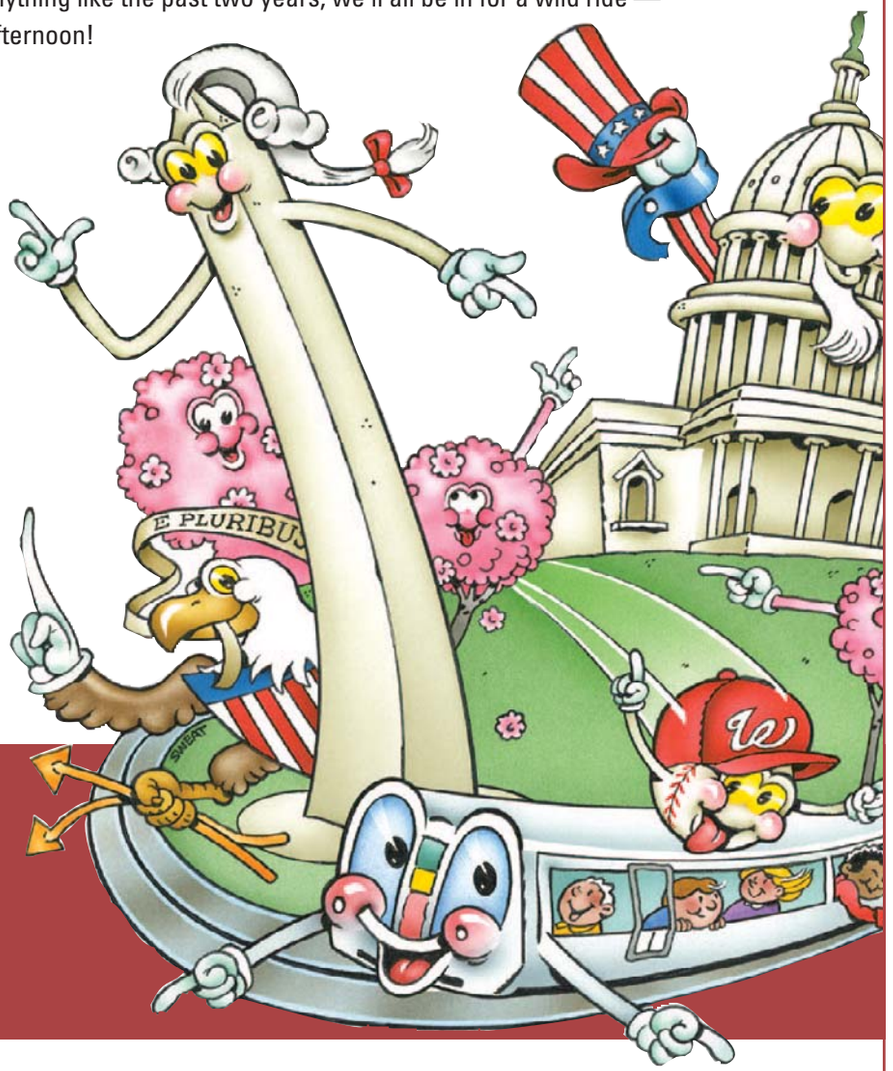

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Unamusing, With a Vengeance

Brendan Fraser stars in a poorly written, lame family comedy

Film Review

Brendan Fraser has done serious drama ("Gods and Monsters"). He has done epic blockbusters ("The Mummy," "Journey to the Center of the Earth"). And, yes, he has done his share of juvenile comedies.

But with the eco-conscious family comedy "Furry Vengeance," the oafishly handsome star has finally found the movie that really allows him to showcase his acting range. Example: In one "Vengeance" scene, Fraser gets blasted in the crotch with a gushing garden hose. Then, in another, vastly different scene, an angry raccoon bites him in the crotch. And in a third scene, Fraser straddles the peaked roof, then slips and falls, totally nailing himself in the ...

Sigh. Yes, "Furry Vengeance" is that kind of kid-friendly comedy, one that finds its delights in the varying degrees of slapsticky torture inflicted on Dan Sanders (Fraser), a well-intentioned real estate developer who, at the behest of his maniacal boss (Ken Jeong), is razing acres of forestland to make room for an allegedly environmentally friendly, single-family subdivision called Rocky Springs.

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Brendan Fraser demonstrates the emotion of a "Furry Vengeance" viewer.

Of course, the cuddly woodland creatures that live in that forest aren't exactly in favor of the proposal. So, they form their own preservation posse and pool their resources to unleash all manner of Animal Planet fury on Dan.

To be fair, Fraser — who energetically mugs his way through the nonstop nature show from hell — isn't really the problem here. The problem, or problems, stem from the lazy, unfunny script; the weak computer-generated animals; and the squandering of Brooke Shields (as Dan's wife), Jeong and Angela Kinsey from "The Office."

JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Beat

He's a Hit!

Ricky Gervais will host NBC's telecast of the 68th Annual Golden Globes in 2011 — he also hosted this year. "I can't believe they invited me back after awful things I said," Gervais said in a statement. "Let's see how far I can go this time." This year's telecast had 12 percent more viewers than the previous year's, though critics were mixed on his performance. (AP)

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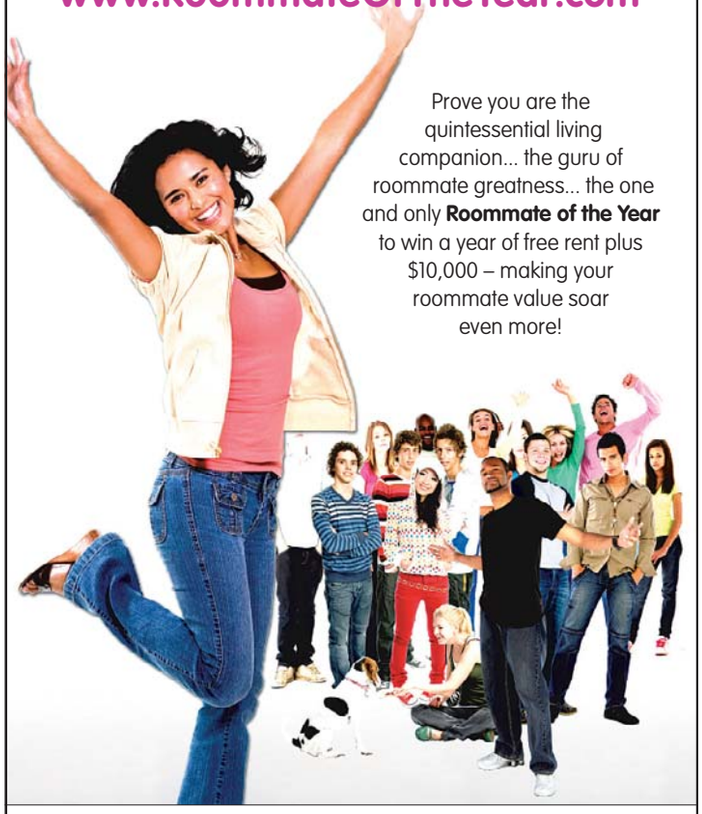

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

DJs Kim and Sara of the Black Cat's rockin' Kicks night are bringing their record bags over to the new **DODGE CITY** bar. Check out the two-story space — formerly home to the much-loved Kingpin and never-opened Homeslice pizza shop before a fire and neglect left the building vacant for years.

SATURDAY

It's Kentucky Derby Day, and if you're wondering where to watch the Fastest Two Minutes in American Sports, we suggest the high-brow Bonnets and Bow-Ties viewing party at the **WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL'S ROUND ROBIN BAR**, with hat contests and bow-tie contests, and some of the finest mint juleps outside of Churchill Downs; the lower-brow Derby Day Party at the **RED DERBY**, which kicks off with $2 drinks at brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continues with $4 juleps until close; and the whiskey-soaked derby parties at **BOURBON**.

There will always be a place for bands such as No Second Troy, groups that play old-fashioned rock songs built around a big chorus and heartfelt lyrics. The locals are celebrating the release of a new album, "Colors," that contains more of the melancholy rockers the quintet have been hammering out over their time together. New-wave rockers Soft Complex open at the **BLACK CAT**.

JOSHUA COGAN

Local band No Second Troy celebrates a new album at the Black Cat on Saturday.

SUNDAY

It's time for the **WONDERLAND BALLROOM**'s annual Sundress Fest. Since 2005, the bar has hosted an indoor/outdoor party, which features a pig roast on the patio, all-night happy hour pricing for anyone wearing a sundress and a Mr. and Ms. Sundress contest. Note that this is the one day it's perfectly normal to see men in sundresses; guys, if you need a dress, some thrift-shopped "loaners" will be available at the bar in exchange for a donation to Neighbors Consejo, a group that assists low-income Latino families.

Idols on 'Idol'

Jackie Tohn TOP 36, SEASON EIGHT	Rickey Yaneza BLOGGER, RICKEY.ORG	Chikezie TOP 10, SEASON SEVEN
1 Crystal Bowersox gave her worst performance yet this week, but she's still strong.	1 Lee Dewyze sounded sharp, but the studio recording will be awesome.	1 This is the Casey James I love. Raw and emotional.
2. Lee Dewyze	**2.** Crystal Bowersox	**2.** Aaron Kelly
3. Aaron Kelly	**3.** Aaron Kelly	**3.** Michael Lynche
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'Idol' Chatter

Magnus Departus

It was a results night shocker on Wednesday when Siobhan Magnus, a fan favorite for her powerful voice and unique personal style, was sent home. Here's how the "Idol" community responded online:

- **David Archuleta,** season seven runner-up: "Sad to see Siobhan go, but excited to see what she'll do in the future. She's an awesome girl with a one-of-a-kind personality."
- **Ellen DeGeneres,** judge: "I don't know — I thought she did great. ... I don't understand."
- **@Team Siobhan** Twitter site: "No way was Siobhan the bottom vote getter ... And Ryan said 'you're going home,' nothing else!" (EXPRESS)

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Now Playing

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG-13, 105 minutes) Jennifer Lopez has always pursued stardom with shameless abandon, and one of the pleasures of her new movie is watching J.Lo abase herself in the service of her art. In this not-as-bad-as-you-think-it-is romantic comedy directed by Alan Poul, Lopez plays pregnant Zoe, a pet-shop owner knocked up by her OB-GYN and a baster full of donor sperm. Enter Stan, played by Alex O'Loughlin. Zoe and Stan meet in a cab on the Upper West Side and soon begin to fall for each other. But Zoe, who'd just given up the search for Mr. Right, has to decide whether to stick to her backup plan — single motherhood and career — or take a chance on telling her new beau exactly why it is she's glowing. **DAN KOIS**

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13, 118 minutes) Director Louis Leterrier made a muddled disappointment with this one. What appeal the movie has comes from its two biggest-name stars: as Zeus, Liam Neeson struts around in a disco-inspired silver outfit that shines so brightly we can barely see his face. As his brother Hades, Ralph Fiennes swoops up from the underworld in his own cloud of dirty smoke, like an infernal Pig Pen. They're welcome counterpoints to Sam Worthington's Perseus. Sent off in search of a way to kill the Kraken, the leviathan who is the gods' greatest weapon, Perseus and his band of merry misfit soldiers hack and slash their way through a rogues' gallery of quasi-mythological creatures. The movie's conclusion promises a sequel; unfortunately, it's too big to fail. **DAN KOIS**

DATE NIGHT (PG-13, 87 minutes) A self-described "boring married couple" get mistaken for blackmailers and spend 90 minutes going through contortions to clear their names, to mildly amusing effect. In the hands of, say, a Greg Kinnear and a Sarah Jessica Parker, the

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Jeffrey Dean Morgan, left, and Idris Elba, center, walk the walk in "The Losers."

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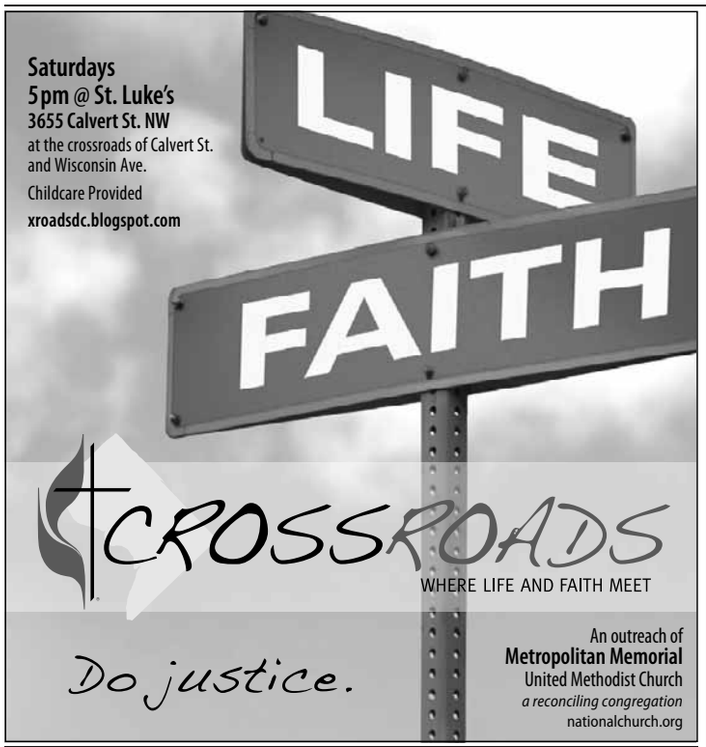

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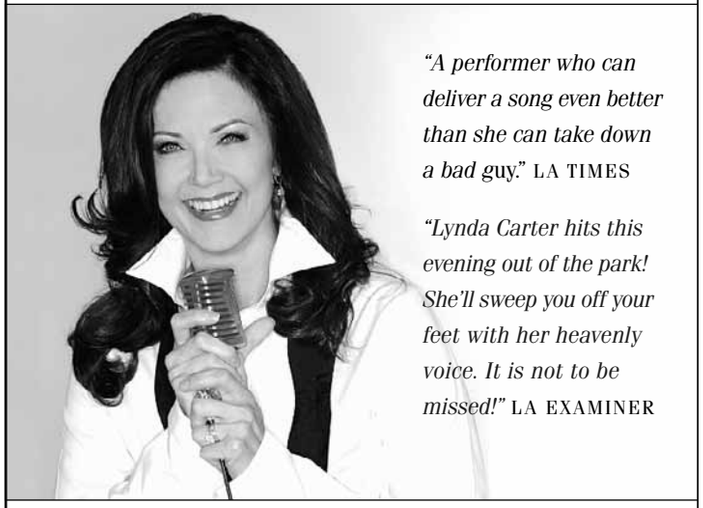

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thing could be a disaster. It's not. Not by a long shot. That's because Steve Carell and Tina Fey have something that no movie, no matter how predictable, can stifle. It's called chemistry, but it's not the romantic kind. Instead, it's the power that each of them has to crack the other up. Aiding Carell and Fey in their efforts is a talented supporting cast that includes James Franco and Mila Kunis as the real blackmailers along with Mark Wahlberg as a black-ops consultant whose help the Fosters seek. I know: It doesn't make sense. It doesn't have to. All it needs to do is make us laugh. **(MO)**

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R, 118 minutes) Danny Glover hurls vulgar verbal ordnance in Neil LaBute's adaptation of the 2007 British comedy by Dean Craig. Glover plays Uncle Russell, a cantankerous old coot in a wheelchair who swears a blue streak and has nary a kind word for anybody at the funeral of his brother. But it's entirely in keeping with the original movie, whose antic idea of humor included an errant corpse, wincingly graphic bathroom humor and a man tripping on LSD while traipsing naked on a rooftop. Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence round out an appealing cast as the competitive sons of the deceased, along with Zoe Saldana and Tracy Morgan. Fans of the broad slapstick and ludicrous farce that propelled the original will be well served by the remake. **(AH)**

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG, 90 minutes) Our hero in this briskly paced computer-animated 3-D film, Hiccup (voice of Jay Baruchel), is a young Viking who has his hurdles cut out for him. Hiccup's father, a burly giant named Stoick (voice of Gerard Butler), sports a belt-length red beard and looks as if he begins each day by downing a dozen mead shooters on his way out to slay scaly

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adversaries. Hiccup develops his own approach to dealing with the dragon threat; he prefers communication and attempts to help all scaly creatures find their inner Puff (-the-Magic). **MIKE CLARK**

KICK-ASS (R, 118 minutes) This profane, ultra-violent, surprisingly winning adaptation of Mark Millar's comic-book series directed by Matthew Vaughn should delight fans of the original comics and garden-variety action junkies, too. Aaron Johnson plays Dave Lizewski, a bespectacled, mild-mannered high school student who, after being mugged for the umpteenth time, wonders why more everyday people don't dress up like superheroes and become vigilantes. Soon thereafter, Dave is dressing up in a green wet suit and is joined by two mysterious cohorts named Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit-Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz). However, his success rate begins to spike. **(AH)**

THE LOSERS (PG-13, 98 minutes) The first dumb-fun action movie of the summer season has arrived early with this loud, loving homage to guns and testosterone based on a series of comic books about a renegade band of CIA operatives. How dumb is it? You might actually kill a few million brain cells just watching it. The plot centers on a group of commandos led by Clay (Jeffrey Dean Morgan). Known as the Losers, they set out to get their revenge before Max can detonate a snuke in Los Angeles as a ploy to justify a U.S. military crackdown on terrorism. **(MO)**

CBS FILMS

Jennifer Lopez, center, panics at the thought of motherhood in "The Back-Up Plan."

OCEANS (G, 87 minutes) This French-made Disneynature movie that was released on Earth Day is 87 minutes of gorgeous visuals of curious sea creatures set to soaring orchestral music. But for all it does to please the eyes and ears, it does nothing to engage the brain. The narrator, Pierce Brosnan, rarely tells viewers about the wildlife's mating rituals, hunting tricks or even which ocean they live in. Instead, he says such things as "Big fish eat little fish." **RACHEL SASLOW**

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13, 121 minutes) The film covers pretty much the same histrionic territory as Tyler Perry's 2007 picture "Why Did I Get Married?" picking up our core group of couples three years after we last left them in snowy Colorado. This time they gather for relaxation and renewal in the Bahamas. For the first hour or so, it plays like an empty but diverting beach read. Then the film shifts in tone. Perry throws in many melodramatic plot twists, and a cameo appearance that drew gasps and giggles from the audience. **JEN CHANEY**

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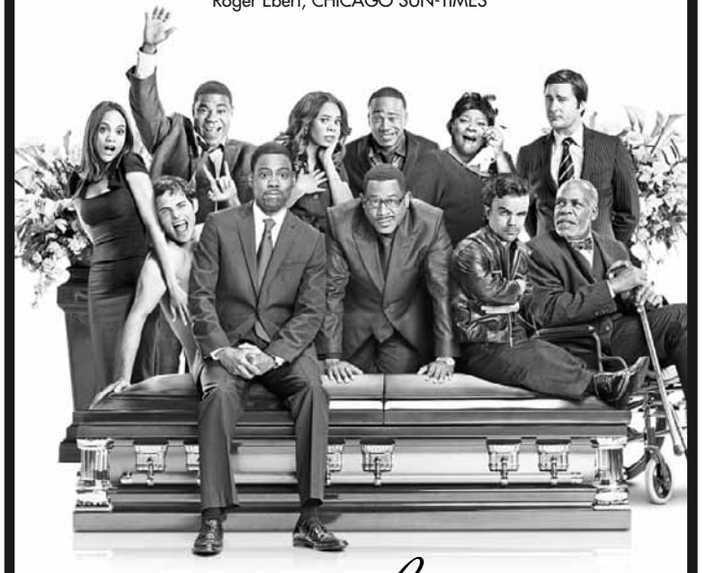

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1 Lady of Letters

Isabelle Allende has written more books, poems, plays and stories than most of us have probably even read. And her life story — fleeing dictator Augusto Pinochet's regime in Chile, her home country; writing a bajillion books — is a pretty interesting tale, too. Hear her speak at Washington National Cathedral tonight, if you can still get tickets. F.Z. ***Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 p.m., $16-$22; 202-537-6200, Nationalcathedral.org. (Tenleytown)***

2 Natural Beauty

Dan Treado's artworks combine a lot of techniques, but we mostly like them because of the weird, science-y imagery he uses — spores, molecules, bones — all rendered in bold lines and colors not found in nature. Let's put it this way: We think his show, "Requesting Quiet," is worth going to Georgetown for. F.Z. ***Addison/Ripley Gallery, 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; through June 5; 202-338-5180, Addisonripleyfineart.com. (Foggy Bottom)***

3 Summer Is Here

An "I Love the '90s" film festival wouldn't be notable, except that it's the first major outdoor summer film series to start. Meaning that, no matter what your calendar says, IT'S SUMMERTIME. Not that we don't love the '90s. The first film of the summer is "Clueless," which is widely considered the second-finest film ever made, after "Citizen Kane." F.Z. ***Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Hwy, Arlington; Fri., dusk, free; Rosslynva.org. (Rosslyn)***

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THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:20, 4:10)7:00, 10:00
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (1:05, 3:55)6:45, 9:30
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (1:30, 4:45)8:00, 11:15
MID-AUGUST LUNCH (NR) (1:45, 3:45, 5:45)7:50, 9:40
GREENBERG (R) (4:40)9:35
THE JONESES (R) (2:10)7:10

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THE MISFORTUNATES (NR) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15
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CITY ISLAND (PG–13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55, 12:25
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (12:20)3:20, 6:10, 9:00

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

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GREEN ZONE (R) (1:45, 4:25)7:15, 10:05
ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) (1:20, 4:05)7:10, 9:55
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (12:30, 3:35)6:40, 9:45
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (1:15, 4:40)7:50

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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:40
GREENBERG (R) 7:10, 9:40

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG–13) 4:00, 6:00, 8:00
KICK-ASS (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 7:30, 10:05
IN DIGITAL 3-D
AVATAR: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG–13) 11:55 P.M.

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
SOUNDTRACK FOR A REVOLUTION (NR) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:15
SATYRICON (R) 7:00 P.M.
THE TRIAL (NR) 9:35 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

WOMEN WITHOUT MEN (NR) (2:00, 4:30)7:00, 9:30
THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (R) (1:00, 3:45)6:45, 9:45
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THE RUNAWAYS (R) (12:45, 5:30)10:00
THE JONESES (R) (3:15)7:50

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AMC Loews White Flint

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THE BACK-UP PLAN (PG–13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (R) 10:40, 12:10, 1:20, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:30, 12:00, 1:00
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TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

FRI 10:00

Private Chefs of Beverly Hills (FOOD) A chef is asked to cook a kosher meal for an Orthodox Jewish family under a rabbi's close scrutiny. The chefs try to please a bossy New Yorker and a French denim designer. A Los Angeles designer asks the chefs to "bring the bling" to a surprise birthday party for her best friend in the new episode "Challah Back."

SUN 7:00

60 Minutes (CBS) This episode features a much-hyped interview with future TBS host Conan O'Brien, a segment on science and cuisine, and a look at a dangerous canal on the U.S.-Mexico border.

SUN 9:00

The Pacific (HBO) Frustrated by his assignment to campaign for war bonds, Basilone persuades the Marines to allow him to train troops headed for combat. And at Camp Pendleton, Basilone enjoys a whirlwind romance with a female Marine.

SUN 10:00

Army Wives (LIFE) Claudia Joy (Kim Delaney, left) runs into an old friend who makes her reflect on her own future while visiting a college campus with Emmalin. Meanwhile, Roland prepares for Sara Elizabeth's first birthday. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA/K.M.)**

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Race Day Prep

DERBY PROGRAMMING

FRI 10:00

On the eve of the Kentucky Derby, two programs look at the sporting event and social ritual. "Run for the Roses: The Kentucky Derby and the Business of Horse Racing" (10 p.m., CNBC) examines the rarified world of thoroughbred racing. "Ladies First: Bravo at the Kentucky Derby" (5 p.m., Bravo, Fri.) combines a glance at the glamour and traditions of the 136-year-old event with a little network promotion. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Cult Fave

Arty 'House'

As part of a week of music-themed episodes, Fox repeats the two-hour season opener of "House" (8 p.m., Fox, Fri.), set in a psychiatric facility where House has been trying to conquer his addictions and delusions. For those who haven't seen this, it's a strong movie-length detour from the series' main narrative and a chance for star Hugh Laurie, above, to interact with a strong ensemble cast of guest stars. **K.M.**

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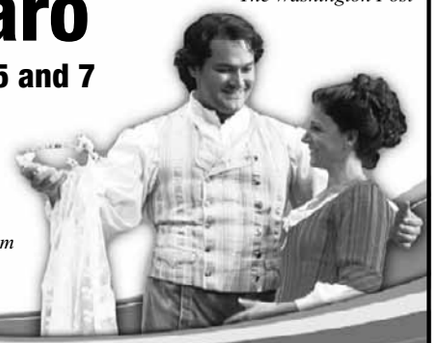

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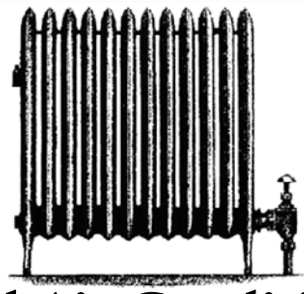

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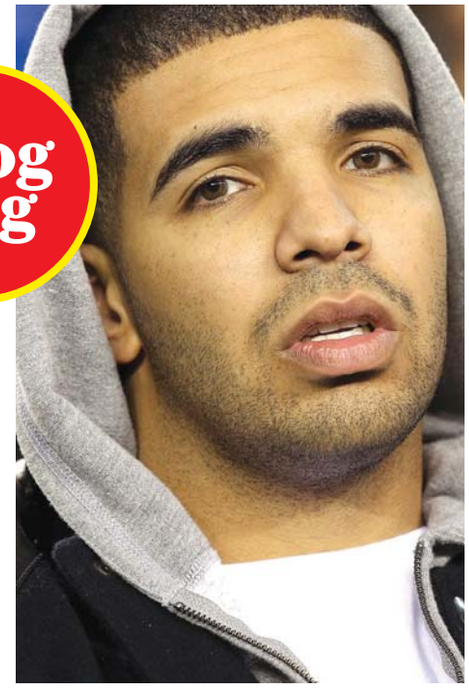

"Drake sings throughout the whole song, which has never bothered me, but he doesn't drop any lines at all. ... But I initially liked Drake for his lyricism, so I'm ultimately torn."

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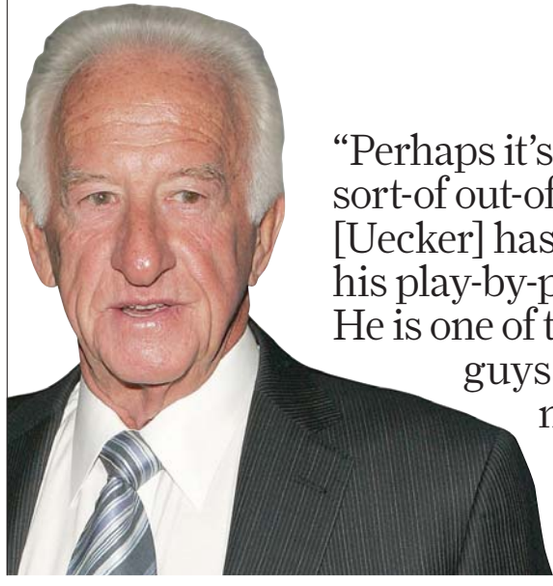

"Perhaps it's because Milwaukee is a sort-of out-of-the-way market, but Bob [Uecker] has never gotten the credit for his play-by-play work that he deserves. He is one of the five best [play-by-play] guys I've ever heard and definitely the funniest."

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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others are worried about the practical realities facing them at this time, but you're more interested in life's more whimsical side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find that you do, indeed, have the courage to try something that has never been tried. The only question: Are you fit enough?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be able to change someone's mind, but it's not likely you'll change everyone's. Be willing to compromise in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Ask yourself why you are sharing certain information with another. Are you trying to make him or her jealous for any reason?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not be able to see the path laid out before you in perfect detail, but past experience and instincts serve you well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Progress is measured in smaller increments than usual, but it is progress nonetheless. You'll have to make a stop along the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't hesitate to show your enthusiasm and excitement. Others will find your freedom of expression refreshing — and contagious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be willing to trust your know-how, as the help you have been seeking isn't likely to materialize at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You know exactly what it will take to come out on top, and though others may not be willing to do it, you certainly are. Go for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The competition is likely to be quite fierce, but, fortunately, everyone involved can be considered a friend. Keep things fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The hopes of many are with you — and though you may feel insecure as the day begins, you'll reach your stride soon and accomplish much.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to be the highest scorer, but you know as well as anyone that there are more important things than coming in first.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 206

								RACK 1
E1	E1	I1	S1	S1	N1	M3		
								RACK 2
E1	I1	N	L1	T1	M3	L1		
								RACK 3
E1	I1	O1	R1	F4	F4	T1	Double Word Score	
								RACK 4
E1	E1	L1	M3	R1	T1	B3	2nd Letter Triple	

Yesterday's Solution

S1	T1	I1	F4	F4	E1	N1	RACK 1 =	76
W4	H4	E1	R1	E1	I1	N1	RACK 2 =	63
I1	N1	J8	U1	R1	E1		RACK 3 =	13
B3	O1	N1	F4	I1	R1	E1	RACK 4 =	64
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	216

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

		3					7	
		4		9	7	1		
		9	1					
4			8	5				
	6	1				9	8	
				4	9			1
					8	7		
		7	3	2		5		
	3					8		

Yesterday's Solution

2	4	8	3	7	6	1	9	5
3	5	1	4	2	9	8	7	6
9	6	7	1	5	8	3	2	4
7	1	3	2	9	5	6	4	8
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1	8	5	9	4	3	7	6	2
4	7	9	8	6	2	5	1	3
6	3	2	5	1	7	4	8	9

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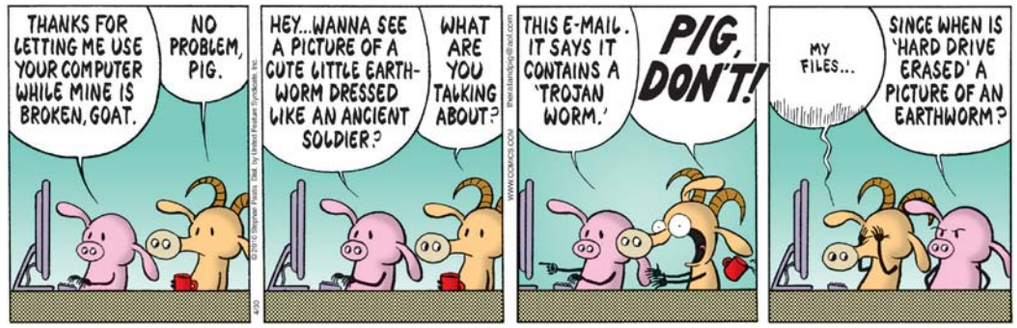

Forecast

85 | 63

Today: Sunshine and warmer today. Mainly clear and mild tonight.

90 | 68

Tomorrow: A blend of sun and clouds tomorrow. Patchy clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
92 | 68	80 | 57	74 | 54

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:12 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:49 p.m.
Moonset today: 7:19 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 70
Record high: 91
Normal low: 50
Record low: 30

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Crossword

A TAN-DO ATTITUDE

ACROSS

1 Compass point
6 Flood protection
11 Funny ___ (dragster)
14 Habituate (var.)
15 Rocket's nose
16 Self starter?
17 Certain Southeastern Conference mascot
19 School liaison org.
20 African bloodsucker
21 Boy child
22 Grand, as an adventure
23 Wields an ax
25 Regard highly
27 Pieces of armor for the trunk
31 Place for a peephole
32 Flightless fowl
33 Went fast
34 Nincompoop
37 Take a break
39 Skewers
42 Run-down car
43 Drive-thru lane marking
45 One of Adam's clan
47 Demographic datum
48 Primordial substance
50 Like some shields
52 Planetary reflection ratios
55 One of Columbus' three ships
56 Comedic actor Groucho
57 Former NBC owner
59 Corresponds, grammatically
63 Lennon's bride
64 Olympic prize for third place
66 Detroit-based labor gp.
67 Heart line
68 Increase
69 ___ Tin Tin (TV dog)
70 Clean with a broom
71 The necktie in a Western necktie party

DOWN

1 Carefully arranged
2 Burden of proof
3 Hillbilly
4 Indisputable facts
5 What a famous woman may play on TV
6 Sodom survivor
7 Athena's shield (var.)
8 Vitality
9 Made level
10 Always, in sonnets
11 Venomous snake
12 Bit of buffoonery
13 Respond to a stimulus
18 Staircase supports
22 Noteworthy period of history
24 Kind of son or daughter
26 Plea to the Coast Guard
27 Bird-bill area
28 Sign for the superstitious
29 Earthy color
30 Sound of a perfect basketball shot
35 Trio from the East
36 Gp. that has energy users over a barrel?
38 Fax precursor
40 Certain age
41 Parallel grooves
44 Crimson
46 "Wheel of Fortune" inspiration
49 She married Lindbergh
51 Rio Grande city
52 Love of Paris?
53 Island of central Hawaii
54 Movie's music
58 Contribution before the deal
60 Taro root
61 Has hash, e.g.
62 Blackthorn plum
64 ___-relief (sculpture style)
65 Vanquish with a ray gun

Yesterday's Solution

T	O	R	E		T	E	S	T	A		W	E	P	T
A	G	U	E		E	T	H	I	C		E	M	I	R
L	E	I	S		T	H	I	N	E		E	A	S	E
C	E	N	T	E	R	O	F	G	R	A	V	I	T	Y
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M	I	D	D	L	E	O	F	T	H	E	R	O	A	D
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			G	A	F	F			S	O	A	R	E	R
L	A	M	A	S			U	S	U	A	L			
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A	S	I	A		M	I	D	G	E		E	X	A	M
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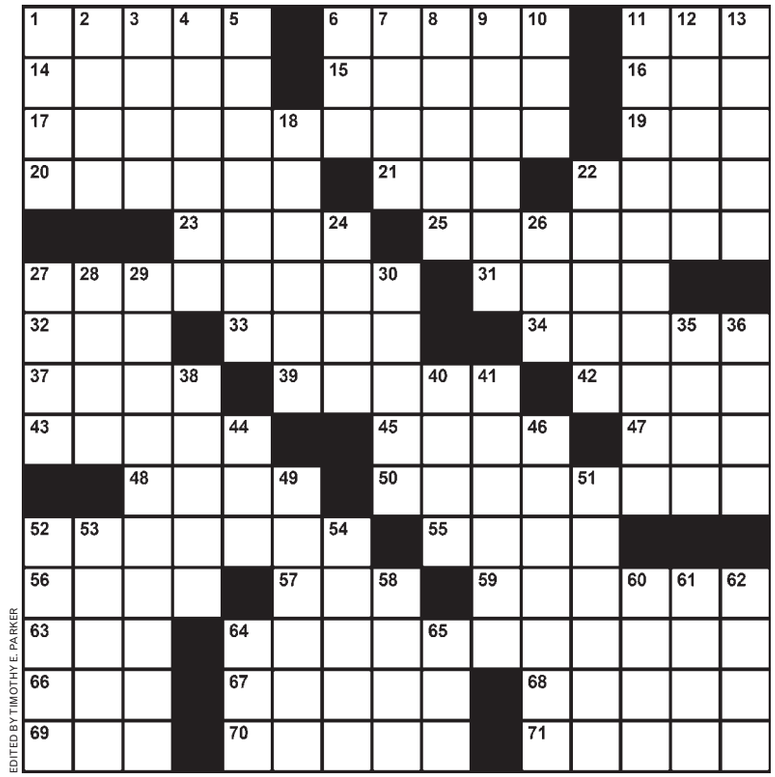

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Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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	2					5	6	8
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	1		7		9			
	8	9		3	5			
	3	5		2				

				2		7		
1	4	2					5	
9	7					1		4
		1		7				
5	8				2			1
	9	4	6					
			2		7		4	
			9	4		2	1	
				3		9	6	

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					6	7		2

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				4		5		

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Last Week's Solution

6	7	3	1	8	9	5	2	4
5	8	9	4	2	7	3	6	1
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Today in History

1789 George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

1803 The United States doubles in size with the purchases of the Louisiana Territory and New Orleans from France.

1945 Adolf Hitler commits suicide in his bunker in Berlin with his new wife, Eva Braun.

1993 Tennis star Monica Seles is stabbed with a knife in Hamburg, Germany.

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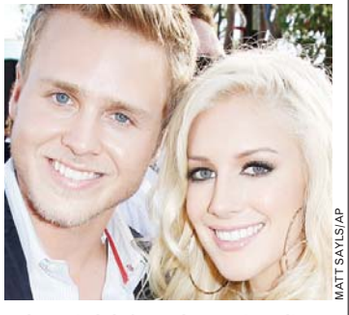
Legal System Must Quantify Paris Hilton

Paris Hilton should return up to $1 million she was paid for 2006's "Pledge This!" because she didn't plug the film enough, an attorney told U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno Thursday in Miami. Hilton's attorney insists that she met her publicity requirements. "The question is, what is the value of what she did do? Because she did do something," Moreno said. "How do I quantify it?" **(AP)**

LIES

Speidi Influences Our Not Watching 'The Hills'

Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt topped Time's Least Influential People list, out Thursday. Of Montag: "You used to be famous for being famous. Then you were famous for getting lots of plastic surgery and selling only 658 copies of your album in its first week. Now you're not famous." Others on the list were Paula Abdul, Conrad Murray and Desiree Rogers. **(EXPRESS)**



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This photo is influencing you to write "666" on Spencer and Heidi's foreheads.

Victims

For Every Book You Don't Buy, A Sextuplet Cries

Kate Gosselin's book is selling poorly, Usmagazine.com reported. "I Just Want You to Know: Letters to My Kids on Love, Faith and Family" has sold just 10,084 copies, despite debuting on the New York Times' nonfiction bestseller list. Her "Multiple Blessings" sold 523,000 copies in 2009. **(EXPRESS)**

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SNORE

The Usual Suspects

Julia Roberts was declared 2010's World's Most Beautiful Person by People magazine, marking the 12th time the actress has graced the pages of the annual special issue. Halle Berry, Angelina Jolie, Jennifer Lopez, Jennifer Aniston, Rihanna, Beyonce and Taylor Swift were among the other women represented. Beautiful men included Robert Pattinson, Adam Lambert, Justin Bieber and Johnny Depp. **(EXPRESS)**

FIGHT THE POWER!!

Shakira Politely Listens To City Officials Talk

Shakira visited Phoenix on Thursday over concerns that a new Arizona law against illegal immigration will lead to racial profiling. She met with the police chief and mayor to learn more about the law. Trevor Nielson, Shakira's political and philanthropic adviser, says Shakira "is deeply concerned about the impact of this law on hardworking Latino families." **(AP)**

"I really want to start to find other babies he can be around. I don't want him thinking that he's a dog."

—**KENDRA WILKINSON** IS CONCERNED THAT HER 4-MONTH-OLD SON, HANK JR., WHO IS "STARTING TO NOTICE THE [FAMILY] DOGS," NEEDS SOME HUMAN PLAYMATES.

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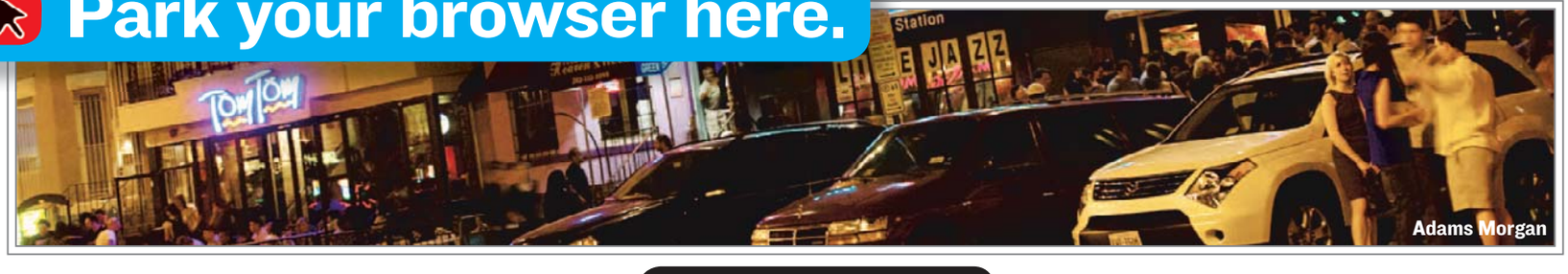

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